



Howe resists MPs' calls for sanctions

Sir Geoffrey Howe defied the growing clamour in the Commons and reaffirmed the Government's opposition to all-out economic sanctions.

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday resisted the growing clamour from Commonwealth countries, leaders of the opposition political parties and many of its own backbenchers to commit itself to sterner economic measures against South Africa.

economic action, was trying to steer a delicate path between the camps on his backbenches, one opposed to further sanctions and the other in favour of stronger action to influence South Africa.

serious extension of economic measures. The majority of them would be prepared to vote against any legislation required.

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Tomorrow Part of the union



Bernard Levin finds a lack of vision and understanding among Britain's union leaders

Portfolio Gold

The £8,000 prize in yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day, was shared by two readers.

Jobs plea

The Government should give a job guarantee to anyone out of work for more than three years and launch a pilot scheme offering a year's work to long-term unemployed, a Commons committee recommends.

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Equality pledge to rebel pit union

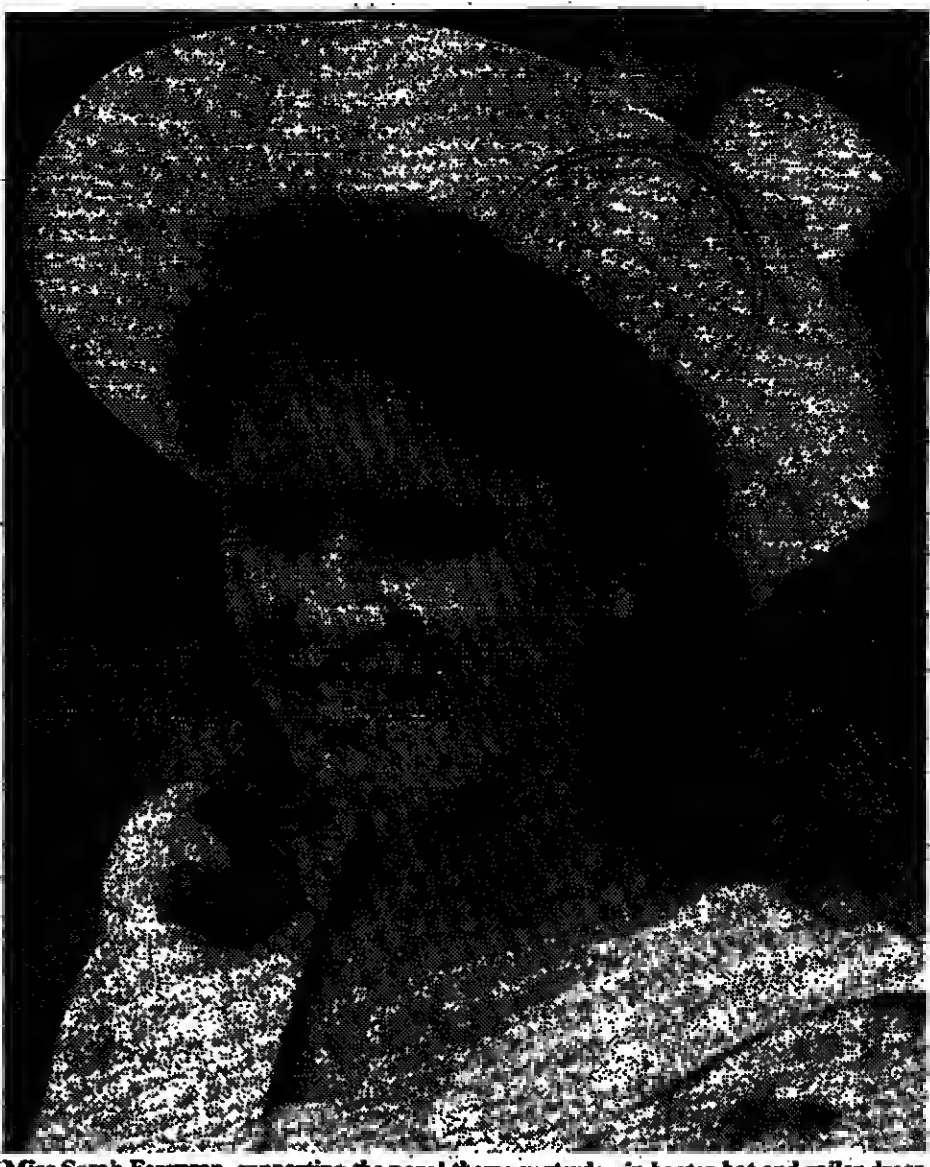
By Peter Daveport

The Government is planning new legislation to guarantee the rights of members of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers in all negotiating structures of the coal industry.

The legislation will be included in the Coal Industry Bill due to go before the next session of Parliament unless the NUM changes its position.

Delegates at the conference yesterday repeatedly expressed their anger that 6,000 of the union's claimed 34,500 members have still not received the £5.50 pay settlement agreed last November.

Mr Hunt made it clear that the question of pay was a matter between British Coal and the union. However, he went on to outline plans for new legislation that would guarantee the UDM equal rights with the NUM.



Miss Sarah Ferguson, supporting the naval theme yesterday in boater hat and sailor dress at Ascot (Photograph: Suresh Karadia). Family album, page 20.

Anglo-Irish talks expose tensions in Unionist ranks

By Richard Ford

The sixth meeting of the joint Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference took place yesterday, demonstrating both governments' determination that the agreement remain and the impotence of Unionist protests.

unveil its draft proposals for a new police complaints procedure. It is to introduce legislation allowing voters born in the south before 1949, when a republic was declared, to vote in local and assembly elections in the North as well as parliamentary polls.

Mr David Hunt shares UDM's frustrations

Although Mr King admitted there was a certain "impatience", particularly on the Irish side at the lack of progress being made by the conference, he said it was producing "concrete achievements" in areas of security co-operation.

Madrid urged to reassure tourists

From Richard Wigg Madrid

The need for British holidaymakers in Spain to have "timely and accurate" information about Eta bomb attacks and other safety risks was emphasized by Mr Timothy Eggar, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, when he met reporters here yesterday.

On a four-day visit here, he is looking into the safety of British tourists. He spent an hour discussing the issue with Señor José Barriomueve, the Spanish Interior Minister.

He repeated his view that the rash of bombs planted by Eta, the Basque terrorist organization, should not cause anyone to change holiday plans and added: "I am coming to holiday here in Spain this year myself."

Mr Eggar praised the Spaniards for having reduced the level of street crimes but those involving break-ins remained "a major problem", he said.

Naval tip a winner for Ascot

By Suzy Menkes

A naval theme predominated in the Royal Enclosure at Ascot yesterday with the Queen and Miss Sarah Ferguson both sporting jaunty boaters and sailor-style dresses.

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Pretoria says 11 blacks died

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government claimed yesterday that it had successfully thwarted a planned campaign of violence by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) on Wednesday, the 10th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto uprising.

claims is severely limited by the emergency regulations in force since last Thursday.

Four of the deaths were caused, he said, when the police took action against rioters and petrol-bomb throwers in various parts of the country. The rest were blacks presumed to have been killed by other blacks.

The number of "unrest deaths" reported by the Government since Thursday now stands at 42.

I wonder what else didn't happen there?

Brigadier Mellet also said he could not comment on reports that Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, had been confined to her Soweto home between 6 pm and 8 am until midnight on Friday, and forbidden to give any press interviews in the Transvaal.

Late US rescue bid for Nimrod confirmed

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The US company Grumman is among six contractors who have submitted rescue bids for the £1 billion Nimrod airborne early warning aircraft project, the Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday.

The deadlines for firm costings for the bids has been extended to July 7 to accommodate the late intervention of Grumman.

Delay on Ordnance sell-off

By Teresa Poole

The Government has postponed the £150 million-£200 million privatization of Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms manufacturer, which was scheduled for next month.

Hardliner named as US top judge

From Michael Blynon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday announced that Chief Justice Warren Burger, who has headed the US Supreme Court for the past 17 years, has retired.

Under his leadership, the court took several momentous decisions, including those that permitted the reintroduction of capital punishment, made abortion legal and ordered President Nixon to release the Watergate tapes.

The new Chief Justice-designate, who has still to be confirmed by the Senate, is likely to give the court a more clear cut conservative lead than Justice Burger.

Jimmy Carter after the big fish in Wales

Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, cast aside American fears of terrorists in Britain yesterday to go fishing in Wales.

He spent the day on a boat armed with a fly-fishing rod in search of rainbow and brown trout at Llyn Clynwedog reservoir near Llanidloes in the Cambrian Mountains during his first visit to Wales.

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# Alliance split threatens over approach to nuclear energy

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

The Liberals and Social Democrats could face another damaging split next month over the strength of their commitments to a non-nuclear energy policy.

A campaign launched by the Liberals yesterday, calling for the phasing out of reliance on nuclear power, will force their SDP partners to pursue a similar policy if a clash is to be avoided.

The SDP does not have a comprehensive nuclear energy policy. A group chaired by Mr Leslie Murphy, a party trustee and former chairman of the National Enterprise Board, is working on a policy document. It is expected to be published next month and will go to the party's annual conference in Harrogate in September.

A recent SDP environment policy document called for the problem of nuclear waste disposal to be solved before any large expansion in the nuclear industry. While not backing pressurized water reactors during the 1983 general election campaign, supporters were more enthusiastic about the potential of advanced gas-cooled reactors.

Yesterday Mr Malcolm Bruce, the Liberals' energy spokesman, emphasized his party's traditional distrust of nuclear energy. The energy industry, he said, had become dominated by an obsessive and irrational commitment to nuclear power.

While the other parties were divided on the issue, the Liberals had always maintained a coherent and consistent policy, he said. The Chernobyl disaster and leaks at British power stations had given them better opportunities to promote their policy.

Mr David Steel, the party leader, said that nuclear power had been put forward as the easy and obvious answer to the energy problem.

"Yet we now know that there are no easy answers, that generating power from the atom has inescapable problems of its own. Far from offering us a short cut into a

regime of clean, cheap energy production and the continuation of a high-energy society for generations to come, it may actually be the poisoned apple that will finally destroy us.

"So while we support further research in the nuclear industry, including the disposal of waste, we do not support new nuclear power production at Sizewell or anywhere else."

The campaign will call for:  
● Abandoning the PWR programme;  
● Phasing out the oldest Magnox reactors;  
● Better energy insulation;  
● More research into wind, water and other alternative energy sources;  
● More research into cleaner ways of burning coal and oil to avoid creating acid rain;  
● A full investigation into the health of those living near nuclear power stations;  
● Better monitoring of radioactive leaks.

Mr Jim Wallace, the Liberals' chief whip, said that parliamentary tactics would be used to get debates on better safety measures and more information.

Mr Tony Benn, the former Labour Energy Secretary, yesterday warned his colleagues against toning down their opposition to nuclear energy. The phasing out of nuclear power must not become "reducing our dependence on nuclear power", he said.

The Labour Party is divided on the issue. Many share the Liberals' distrust of nuclear energy, but this has been balanced by trade union and constituency concerns. There have been recent calls for the replacement of Dr John Cunniff as the party's environment spokesman as, with Sellfield in his constituency, he has not opposed nuclear energy.

Mr Benn said: "It is clear that if we maintain a campaign inside and outside the party we shall succeed in getting a two-thirds majority at this year's conference for the phasing out of nuclear power, building on the 1985 decision."

# Blood crisis may delay surgery

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Waiting list operations may have to be cancelled in London and the south-east unless more donors give blood, the regional blood transfusion service which covers south London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent has warned.

Blood collections have been down by 1,000 pints a week, or 20 per cent, for several weeks, with the service having to beg blood from other regions.

"If blood collections do not improve very rapidly we shall be in a crisis and patients will be affected", Mr Keith Rogers, director of the regional blood transfusion service, said yesterday.

The donor shortage is the second the region has faced in little more than six months. Routine operations were postponed throughout London and the south-east for a fortnight in December as the number of donors fell.

Publicity about that crisis produced an increase in donations which has now fallen off. "We are at a loss to know why", a spokesman for the service said yesterday.

"It may be that people are apprehensive about Aids, but we would stress that there is no possibility of catching Aids by coming along to a donor session", the spokesman said.

"We have also had to change the times of some donor sessions to mornings and afternoons rather than evenings because the demand for platelets for the treatment of leukaemia and cancer has risen", he added.

The service urged donors to try and keep their appointments and to bring a friend along too. It needs a sustained response, not just a brief rush to give blood.

Other regions had been able to help the south-east over the past few weeks, but with holidays coming up their number of donors could fall.

Other transfusion centres have also faced problems in the past couple of years as donations have failed to keep pace with the demand.

The south London transfusion service is planning a survey to find out why some donors are staying away.

# Kinnock in call for education cash boost

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday called for substantial new investment in education to improve opportunities for Britain's young people.

He told a seminar in London of parents' representatives, teachers' leaders and local education authorities, organized by the Labour Party, that action must be taken to create freedom and fairness.

"Without free education available to all at the highest possible quality, freedom itself is confined. There is little fairness unless all children have that chance," Mr Kinnock said.

Schools were under pressure because of the "arbitrary and disadvantageous effects" of a real reduction in resources and the need for modernization and reform of the curriculum. Mr Kinnock described education as "the absolute precondition for economic progress and social survival" and urged the seminar members to achieve a consensus on best practice in schools to bring future improvement.

The party would hold similar meetings in other parts of Britain, he said, and he hoped that a similar forum for monitoring and advising on the education service might be established under a Labour government.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, said that Labour was the only political party which "because of its contacts and resources" could convene a meeting of parent, teacher and local authority representatives at national level.

But the party leadership was sharply questioned by some of the 80 representatives on the detailed education plans of a Labour government. In the past, Mr Radice has called for big new resources for nursery, primary and higher education without reference to precise figures.

Beverly Anderson, a lecturer at Oxford Polytechnic and a former TV presenter, told Mr Kinnock: "You have to tell us how much money they will cost and how much will go on our taxes and rates. If you do not, we will not take you seriously."

In reply, Mr Kinnock declined to mention specific costs or priorities, but promised: "We will tell the truth and act in pursuit of honest and achievable purposes and scale of investment."

In return he wanted a "very serious contract" with all educational interests to campaign for the return of a Labour government to secure the extra financing and other changes they all wanted.

Mrs Frances Morrell, Labour leader of the Inner London Education Authority, said "lots more money" would be needed.

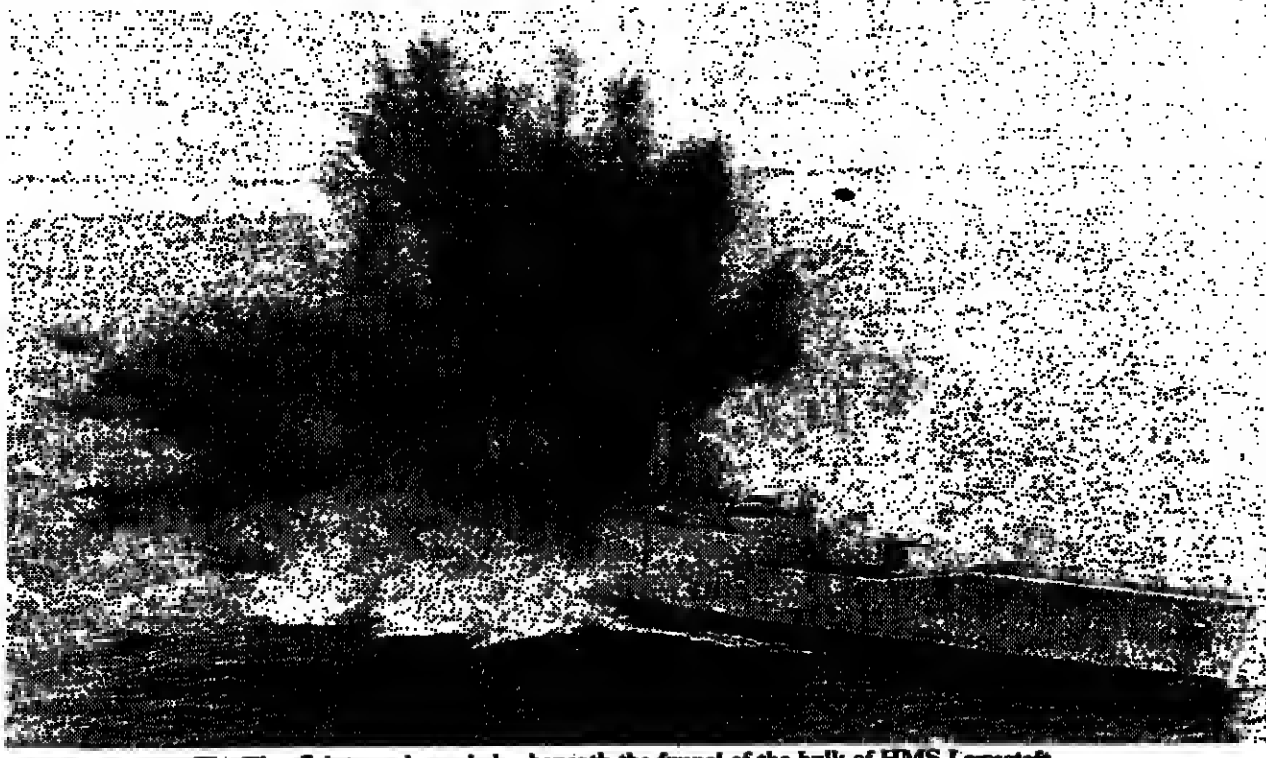
"Money alone is not enough, but it is a prerequisite for everything else. We should say that loud and clear."

# Architecture courses to end

The architecture courses at North East London and Huddersfield polytechnics are to close, with no new intakes being allowed this September, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday (Lucy Hodges writes).

Students in the middle of courses will be able to complete them, and many of those accepted to begin this September will be transferred to other institutions.

The closures have come as a result of a review of architecture training and in the light of figures which showed an oversupply of qualified architects.



The Tigerfish torpedo explodes beneath the funnel of the hulk of HMS Lowestoft.

# Improved torpedo strikes fatal blow

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Royal Navy has torpedoed one of its own frigates to demonstrate that it has at last eliminated the problems from a torpedo system that has been in service since 1974.

HMS Lowestoft, a decommissioned, 25-year-old frigate, was sunk by a single Tigerfish torpedo in the seas near the Bahamas on June 8. The torpedo was fired by the nuclear-powered submarine, HMS Conqueror, which sank the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano, during the Falklands conflict four years ago.

The torpedo exploded underneath the frigate, breaking its back and causing it to sink within 20 minutes.

The sinking of the Lowestoft was the culmination of two months of trials during which more than 50 Tigerfish torpedoes were fired, although only the one which sank Lowestoft had an explosive warhead.

Rear-Admiral Dick Healslip, the Navy's Flag Officer Submarines, said yesterday: "These are very welcome results, and are quite outstanding for any submarine-launched weapon system."

He was confident that British submarines now had a weapon which was quiet, stealthy, intelligent and reliable.

These results have been achieved as the result of a two-year, £40 million programme by Marconi Underwater Systems to overcome the problems of unreliability in the Tigerfish, which had been heavily criticised by the Commons public accounts committee and others.

Its work has included putting in improved homing and guidance systems, and improving the interfaces between the torpedo and the firing and other mechanisms on the submarine which sends it.

# Wapping protest arrests

By a Staff Reporter

Several hundred demonstrators blocked the entrance to News International's Wapping plant yesterday in an unexpected demonstration which almost sealed off the site until police reinforcements with horses arrived to push the crowd back.

The demonstration, which resulted in eight arrests and one injured policeman being taken to hospital, came three days before a hearing to the High Court when News International will ask for court orders to restrict picketing at its London and Glasgow plants.

The company has issued writs against the NGA, Sogat '82, three London branches of Sogat and Sogat officials.

In the demonstration yesterday, similar to one last Saturday morning, demonstrators gathered on The Highway, the main road that runs past the Wapping plant, and then flooded across into Virginia Way at the entrance.

Mounted police were called and for a time people could leave or enter the plant only on foot along a path cleared by police on horses. Lorries and a coach taking workers into the plant had to park and wait before they could enter.

After more than an hour the crowd was pushed back and access for vehicles restored.

# NUM faces lower rise than rivals

By Peter Davenport

Members of the National Union of Mineworkers may get a much smaller wage offer than that accepted by the rival Union of Democratic Mineworkers when stalled pay negotiations are resumed.

The prospect of an offer less than the £5.50 deal with the UDM, was a clear inference from comments by Sir Ian MacGregor, British Coal chairman, yesterday speaking after addressing the UDM's inaugural annual conference at Buxton, Derbyshire.

The 5.9 per cent rise accepted by 34,500 members of the UDM had been made to the NUM, which refused to accept it because of conditions requiring men to make up pension payments missed during the year-long strike.

The offer was withdrawn last month and there are no new talks planned. Yesterday, when Sir Ian was asked if the NUM could expect the same deal as the UDM, he referred to the call by Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that rises are too high and that industry should aim for increases of less than 1 per cent in the next round.

"Circumstances have changed materially and important people in the land say we are in a period of low inflation with very low rates of settlement."

Sir Ian said the UDM had better negotiating skills than the NUM, but he denied the board wanted to give better pay deals to the new union in preference to the NUM.

Sir Ian also spoke about the problems of the 6,000 members of the UDM who have not been paid the rise because the NUM is in the majority.

British Coal hopes that a High Court decision this week, based upon the cases of UDM members at Ellistown colliery, Leicestershire, will clear the way for payments. However, if the judgement goes against the board, Sir Ian said he would appeal to the Lords.

# Scargill will be seen but not heard

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, is to join a mass gathering of pitmen in his native Yorkshire, but he will be silent.

The Yorkshire National Union of Mineworkers have invited their national president to their annual gala and demonstration on Saturday, but not to speak.

He will be a guest at the event in Doncaster when the chief speakers will be Mr Ken Gill, chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

In the past national president have usually been called on to address the gathering of thousands of miners and their families.

This year, however, the Yorkshire NUM council has ignored Mr Scargill who was their president before being elected to national office.

Mr Jack Taylor, the Yorkshire president, said: "Arthur has been invited to attend but he is not a speaker. He will be on the platform like all the other past officials."

# Nalgo ask for drive on Tories

The 752,000 members of Nalgo were advised yesterday to vote the Conservatives out of office in defence of jobs and public services.

At its annual conference in Bournemouth, Mr Norrie Steele, the public employees' union leader, condemned cuts in public spending and privatization and said career prospects and job security were being threatened.

"The effect of government decisions on these important day-to-day bread-and-butter issues has forced this union into the centre of political controversy," he said.

Mr Steele, aged 56, a quantity surveyor for Glasgow District Council and a member of the TUC general council, said: "We must work hard to increase public understanding of the serious consequences of government policies for the public services, and by all our efforts make sure that by 1988 we have elected a government more representative of the best interests of the whole population."

Legal moves have been made in an attempt to prevent water authorities spending thousands of pounds preparing for privatization.

Nalgo has lodged papers in a test case calling for a High Court judge to sanction a judicial review of the issue because it involves the Thames Water Authority.

The papers are in the name of Mr John Daly, the union's general secretary, as a consumer.

Mr John Pitt, Nalgo's national officer for water, said that Thames has spent more than £500,000 on an advertising campaign in an attempt to portray itself as an attractive investment.

# Two arrested

Mr Tony Harlow, aged 24, and another man were arrested by police in Dudley, West Midlands, yesterday after a shooting incident at a public house on May 25.

# Corrections

In the list of university rankings published on June 3, the entry for Leeds University under the heading "Mechanical Engineering" should have a star, rating it as outstanding.

In yesterday's report of the Epsom Simultaneous Bridge Pairs Championship, the British pair of J.P. Wilson and J. de Ferranti was placed 23rd. (This corrects name of P. Williams to J.P. Wilson.)

# Ship sank 'after repairs by dockyard'

The company managing Gibraltar dockyard fitted a propeller to a frigate back-to-front, so that the warship's forward and reverse gears would have been changed, the Commons was told yesterday.

The company also mended the pumps of a privately-owned vessel so that water was pumped into the ship, which then sank. It was also said.

Labour's defence spokesman, Mr Kevin McNamara, had asked how much of the defence budget had been spent "on the Appledore company, which is supposed to be managing the dockyard in Gibraltar."

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, replied that if Mr McNamara would table a specific question about how much had been spent in Gibraltar, he would answer.

# Nurses lose jobs appeal

Two psychiatric nurses who took part in the occupation of Dulwich hospital's telephone exchange as part of a long-running industrial dispute yesterday lost their appeal against Camberwell Health Authority for unfair dismissal.

Ebury Bridge industrial tribunal rejected the claim of ward sister Mary Riley and charge nurse Roland Lamb. Miss Lamb said they were acting as union branch officials while taking the direct action.

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# £99,000 for wrecked life

Kenneth Jacobs, a fashion designer, won £99,194 damages in the High Court yesterday for a road accident that wrecked his life and caused his thriving clothes business to collapse.

He suffered severe head injuries when he was knocked down by a fire engine in Oxford Street, London, in November 1978. The injuries left him so severely depressed that he allowed his company to go downhill.

# Earth moved to save Sam

An earth-moving machine yesterday shifted 400 tons of rock to rescue Sam, a Lakeland terrier, trapped 15 ft underground for four days at a quarry near Bury, Greater Manchester.

The rescue was watched by the dog's owner, Steven Ross, aged 17, of Ravenstall, Lancashire. The dog became trapped after chasing a fox and survived by drinking from an underwater spring.

# Extra trains on scenic line

The Settle to Carlisle railway, which has been threatened with closure, is to have two extra services each weekday, with an extra train on Saturdays, British Rail said yesterday.

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# Police ram suspects' car outside Commons

By Nicholas Beebon

Armed undercover detectives arrested five suspected bank robbers after a chase through central London yesterday morning which ended with one car being rammed outside the Houses of Parliament.

Scotland Yard said two men in a Corina were under surveillance by detectives at Waterloo who chased them to Parliament Square where they were arrested.

Pick-axe handles, tools and clothing were found in the car and police said they were still searching for firearms. The suspects were taken to Kennington police station.

A second group of suspects was arrested in front of the Guards memorial at Horse Guards Parade, where armed officers rammed a blue Escort and handcuffed three men.

Mr Bayo Awoyemi, an ice-cream vendor in St James's Park, said: "Several police cars were chasing the Escort when suddenly one swung out in front and blocked the road."

"Armed policemen ran up to the car, smashed the windows and pulled out the three occupants. The policemen pinned the men down."

Scotland Yard said both arrests were connected. A man and a woman were later arrested in Kennington and questioned.

# Support for minister's call on 'slum' homes

By Tim Jones

Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall, North, who made the call, said that council houses had been built to replace slums erected by private landlords.

Some of Mr Pattie's Conservative colleagues were embarrassed by the speech, made in an address to the Carlton Club. However residents on an estate in the heart of Mr Pattie's Chertsey and Walton constituency supported him yesterday.

Mrs Trudy Underwood, aged 23, who lives in a three-bedroomed maisonette at Middlesex Court, Addlestone, Surrey, said: "He is quite right. They are slums."

She added, however: "We must have council houses for people like us who cannot afford their own homes. Some estates are only slums because of the way they were thrown up and because of some of the people who live in them."

Mrs Christine Roake, who pays just over £25 a week for her maisonette, said: "They

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Government's intention to institute legislation to put right these problems at an early opportunity.

It is understood that the legislation would be included in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Hunt also reassured delegates that the Government had no plans to privatize the coal industry.

Sir Ian in his address, covering the performance of the industry after the strike told the conference that the establishment of the UDM marked a new era in the industry.

He said that because of the High Court case, he could not go into all the implications of the problems of paying last year's award to all UDM members. He added that litigation supported by the NUM and based on the Employment Protection Act of 1978 was also creating difficulties.

The conference yesterday passed unanimously a motion to pursue a system of two-year pay deals with a minimum award of 1 per cent above current inflation.

By many standards, the estate is far superior to some found in deprived large inner-city areas, and other views differed. Mrs Linda Bryan, who is moving from the estate, said: "I have been very happy there. We have to have council homes or people would be forced to live on the streets because of the ridiculous cost of private accommodation."

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# Threefold increase in Britons returning from South Africa

By Paul Valley

The number of people coming into Britain from South Africa more than trebled last year, when for the first time since 1964 more Britons returned home than left, according to an Office of Population Censuses and Surveys report.

Seven thousand British passport holders came to Britain from South Africa between mid-1984 and 1985, compared with two thousand the previous year.

Immigration from the New Commonwealth fell, but a record number of British citizens arrived to take up permanent residence. The figures come from the office's international Passenger Survey which records the intentions of a large sample of migrants passing in and out of Britain's ports and airports in the period June 1984 to June 1985.

For the first time since OPCS records began in 1964 more Britons returned to the United Kingdom than left. The numbers of immigrants from Commonwealth countries in the Indian sub-continent, Africa and the Caribbean declined.

The survey has a wider coverage than the immigration statistics published by the Home Office. It encompasses the migration of British citizens who are not subject to restrictions on their movement in and out of the country and also includes the intentions of those arriving foreign and Commonwealth immigrants who have not received government permission to take up residence here.

It shows that the influx of British citizens rose by 30,000 to 120,000. The number of Britons leaving also rose, but only by 9,000 to 114,000, resulting in the first-ever recorded gain of British citizens by immigration. This compared with a 15,000 net loss last year.

The arrival of foreign citizens declaring their intention permanently to live here rose by 12,000 to 121,000, a level reached only once before in the past decade. Of these, 10,000 more than last year came from the Old Commonwealth countries of Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

4,000 more from the United States and 4,000 more from EEC countries, but there were 4,000 fewer from the New Commonwealth.

There were 48,000 arrivals from the New Commonwealth (compared with 54,000 the year before) while migrations to those countries increased by 4,000 to 35,000 producing a net gain of 13,000. In contrast, there were 39,000 arrivals from the Old Commonwealth while the outflow to those countries was down 2,000 to 30,000.

The combined influx, at 241,000, was greater than for any year since 1967/8.

The result was a net gain of population of 64,000, double that of last year which itself was the first time that there had not been a net loss.

# Princess's brother in anti-drugs plea

By Michael McCarthy

Lord Althorp, brother of the Princess of Wales, made a personal plea to young people yesterday to keep away from drugs.

He said: "Just don't get involved. From my personal experience of seeing what it can do - just don't take them."

He was speaking on the TV-am programme *Good Morning Britain* in the aftermath of the death last week of Olivia Channon, his acquaintance and fellow student at Oxford, who was the daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Lord Althorp, aged 22, who is heir to Lord Spencer, emphasized that he had never taken or been offered drugs in his three years of reading history at Magdalen College.

He denied reports of widespread drug abuse among the university's undergraduates. "He was also at pains to try to counter the image of Oxford, widely publicized since Miss Channon's death, as the home of a 'fast set' for whom drug-taking was only one of a number of wild excesses."

He addressed himself to young people watching the programme and said: "Just don't get involved from the start. That's the easiest thing. It is a temptation, and it may seem very easy for me sitting here."

"I've got a very cosy life, perhaps, and all that, and it may seem very easy for me sitting here."

# MPs move on child benefit

By Nicholas Timmins  
Social Services Correspondent

A fresh attempt by Conservative backbenchers to index the child benefit to preserve its real value is to be made today.

The move comes after last year's decision to raise child benefit by only 15p to £7, instead of the 35p needed to keep pace with inflation, and fears that the Government intends to reduce the value of the benefit to help to pay for the new Family Credit.

Sir Bradford Rhys-Williams, Conservative MP for Kensington, is planning to table a 10-minute rule Bill today after a similar amendment to the Government's Social Security Bill, which had the backing of 40 Conservative backbenchers, was talked out during the Bill's report stage.

Sir Brandon said: "People forget that child benefit replaced the old child tax allowances. If the benefit had been uprated in line with prices in the same way as tax allowances, it would be worth £8 a week now instead of £7."

"The effect has been to transfer £600 million away from families with children towards the general taxpayer, but only about one in four taxpayers receive child benefit. The result has been a reduction in the real value of family support."

# Lawyer jailed for £1m bank swindle plot

A solicitor who masterminded a plot to swindle banks out of £1 million was jailed for two years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Anthony Willson, aged 40, used his inside knowledge of how banks dealt with solicitors' clients' accounts to plan the swindle.

Willson found out the names of solicitors, and the names of banks where they had their clients' accounts.

Someone would pretend to be a solicitor and would telephone the banks, authorizing the transfer of money.

Willson, of Laves-de-la-Haye, Essex, and Robert Condon, aged 44, a self-employed builder, of Chingford, north-east London, who was jailed for two and a half years, were said to be principally responsible for operating the plot.

Both men admitted conspiring to steal money from banks.

# Ian Brady on 'strike' over prison work

Ian Brady, the moors murderer, has gone on strike from his old prison job of transcribing books into braille for the blind because of a dispute over working conditions.

Lord Longford, the prison reform campaigner, said yesterday: "Brady, who was sent to prison for life more than 20 years ago, wants to continue his work inside his own cell."

Lord Longford said that the authorities at Park Lane Secure Hospital, Liverpool, where Brady is being held, have refused his request.

"His main complaint is that since he has been at the hospital he has not been allowed to do the braille work in his room," Lord Longford said.

He said he visited Brady, aged 47, about two weeks ago and found him "very depressed".

Brady has been transcribing books into braille to help blind schoolchildren for the past 20 years.

He was transferred to Park Lane from Gartree prison, Leicester, last November.

The Department of Health said that all special hospital patients' activities must be monitored and supervised at all times. It was unable to comment on an individual's case.

Lord Longford, who was speaking in London after a press conference held by the Matthew Trust charity, a mental health reform group, said that he had also visited Myra Hindley, Brady's former accomplice, at Cookham Wood prison, Rochester, 10 days ago.

The trust urged Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, to permit Broadmoor hospital to change its name to help remove the social stigma towards discharged patients.



Students at the Kingsway High School, in Chester, demonstrating their nuclear escape vehicle which goes from standstill to 60 mph in three seconds. Built with a £40 MoT-failure engine, it will be in the national finals of BP's Buildacar Competition in October. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

# Tour operators freeze winter holiday prices

By Derek Harris

Prices of most of the million winter package holidays on offer from Britain's biggest tour operator will be held at last year's prices. But about 100,000 holidays offered by Thomson Holidays will be cheaper than last winter.

Long-stay holidaymakers, typically the retired, will be able to pay as little as £1.99 a day in self-catering accommodation.

Thomson is expanding its programme for the over-55s and claims to be "significantly undercutting" prices of key competitors in this market which is estimated to have grown to more than 150,000 holidays.

It will be cheaper to take a winter package than to stay at home, the company says.

More people are expected to take long-stay breaks abroad, but Thomson is also forecasting growth in both ski and sunshine holidays.

Overall, Thomson predicts that the winter market is likely to grow by 15 per cent from last winter to about 2.25 million.

New extras are being offered in holidays for the over-55s, including tuition, mostly free, in golf, bowls, dancing, painting and photography during 12 different theme weeks which are being launched.

Horizon, which launched its winter brochures a fortnight ago, says it has already sold a fifth of its 200,000 winter sun holidays. Horizon has also largely held its prices down to the levels of last winter.

# Hurd deplores British failure to deter theft

Only one home in 10 is protected against burglars by strong locks, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said last night.

Some people even had doors and windows unlocked and one in five motorists regularly left his or her car unlocked, he told the British Security Industry Association in London.

"There is no need for the citizen to spend a lot of money turning his home into a bristling fortress, but the cost of a reasonable degree of security is well worth while, both in making the burglar's job much more difficult and in reducing the householder's fear of crime," he added.

A quarter of burglaries in Britain did not involve forced entry, because doors and windows were left unlocked.

# Five in court on vicarage charges

Four men and a woman appeared before Acton magistrates yesterday charged in connection with an alleged rape and aggravated burglary at an Ealing vicarage.

Three of the men are charged with rape, aggravated burglary during which property worth £2,000 was stolen, and assault causing grievous bodily harm on the vicar and his daughter's boy friend.

Sexton Bignall, aged 44, of Alhighton Road, East Dulwich, and Jacqueline Defelice, aged 36, of Limes Walk, Ealing, are charged with handling stolen goods, allegedly taken from the vicarage.

Defelice is also charged with intending to pervert the course of justice by harbouring knives. The hearing was adjourned.

# Landlord 'has no sympathy for IRA'

A Glasgow landlord accused of aiding a cell of Irish terrorists plotting a bomb campaign in Britain told the Central Criminal Court yesterday he had no sympathy for the IRA.

John Boyle, aged 26, said he had no interest in Irish politics. "I would like to have nothing whatsoever to do with politics," he told the jury.

Mr Boyle, an electrician, has been accused by Mr Roy Arnol, for the prosecution, of remaining silent about an arms and bomb-making cache in a cellar at James Gray Street, Glasgow, where he had rented a room to Patrick Magee, aged 35, Gerard McDonnell, aged 35, Martina Anderson, aged 23, and Ella O'Dwyer, aged 26.

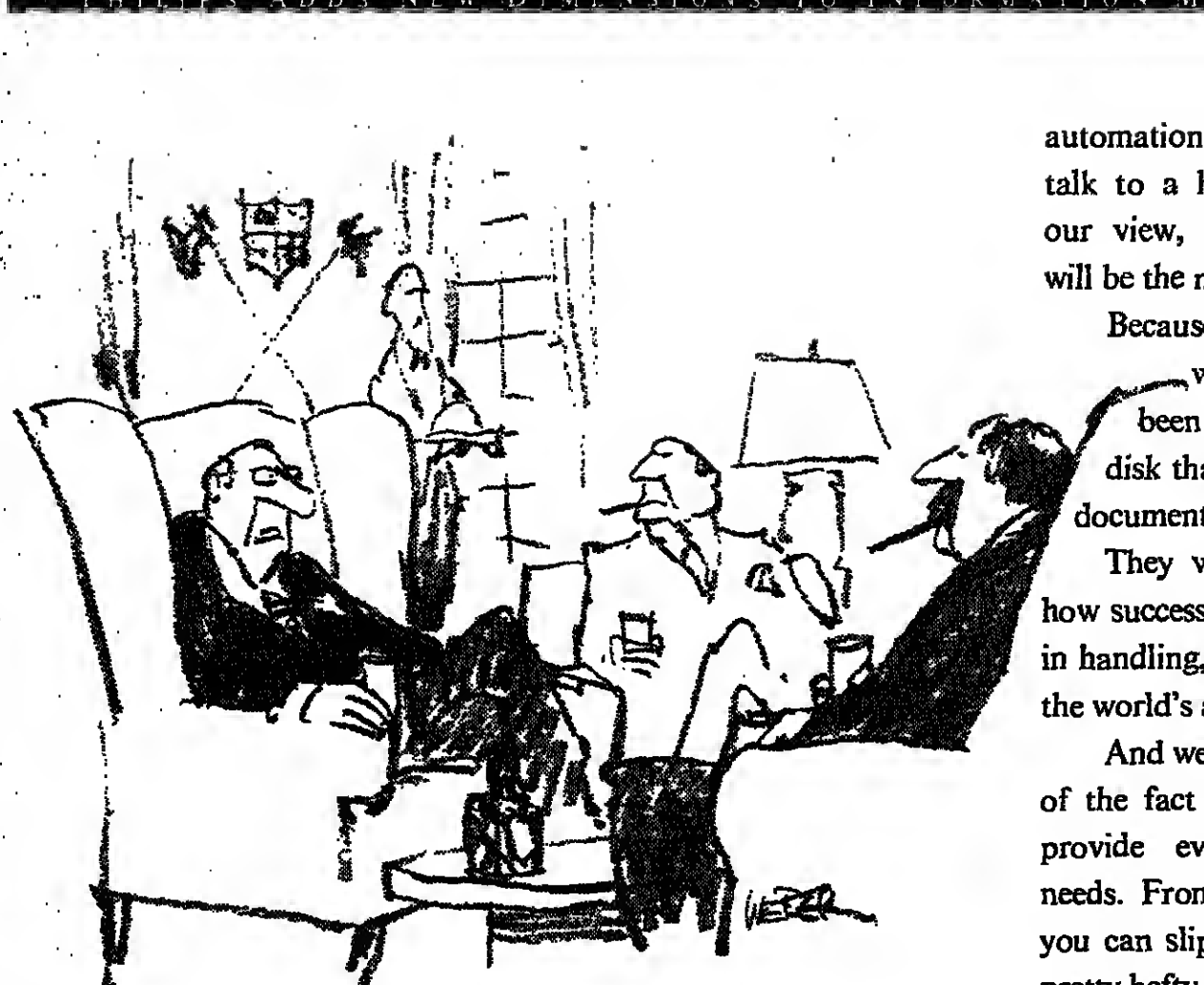
Mr Boyle said he had lived at 17 James Gray Street since he was nine. He and his mother went to Donegal to live for months but returned in 1983. And Mr Boyle said he had no links with the Irish community while living in Donegal.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, his counsel, told the jury: "This story is about a young man of good character without the slightest motive to help the IRA or the slightest interest in their political acts who had become innocently caught up in the fringes of their activity."

Mr Boyle is accused of procuring, counselling, aiding, abetting or being an accessory to the commission of a crime by assisting with the provision of premises and the storage of materials for causing explosions.

Mr Boyle is also alleged to have possessed or controlled explosive substances and to have been an accessory to the commission of a crime by Mr Magee, McDonnell, Anderson and O'Dwyer by secreting materials for causing explosions in the cellar of his home. The case continues.

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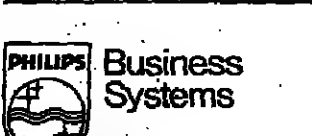
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# A soundproof dictionary

By Paul Valley

It has long been a schoolboy riddle, on being told to use the dictionary, that if he knew how to spell the word in question he would not need to look it up.

Life gets no easier for schoolboys. An educational psychologist and a school teacher have combined forces to produce a dictionary for people who cannot spell well enough to pick their way through the alphabetical slalom of the Concise Oxford and the irregular spellings it enshrines.

The new book is the ACE (Aurally Coded English) Dictionary. It has 16 separate sections, determined by the sound of each word's initial vowel. Words are then listed alphabetically in each section, often in more than one place. The psychologist (who can

spent the past 10 years working on the book with the teacher (long vowel ae), Miss Catherine Nicol, head of special education at a school in Northumberland.

"It has become the fashion in schools to spend less time of spelling. They rightly think that there are more important things to do," he said. "But later in life people devalue themselves if they have trouble spelling. They tend to reject reading and writing altogether. We hope the book will make it easier for them. Using it they will learn to spell and recognize words with less trouble."

To assist the poor speller to get to grips with the 205 different spelling combinations for English vowel sounds, the dictionary has a section

(wind). Difficult words beginning with g and j or c and k are listed under both headings.

Field work in schools has shown that 10-year-olds could improve their reading age by an average of 11.4 months using the book. It also revealed a number of faults in the system.

"We had to revise it to take account of differences in regional pronunciation. For the northerners words like bark are now to be found in the 'long a' and the 'short a' sections. For Liverpool and the Midlands bark is also found in the 'ar' section. And we have had to devise a little thistle symbol for Scottish users who tend to pronounce words like barn the way the English say barren."



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Sanctions debate

PM questioned

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Apartheid could be ended by discussion

SANCTIONS

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, made plain her dislike of economic sanctions against South Africa when she clashed with Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, over their effectiveness during question time in the Commons.

She said the important thing was to try and end apartheid by negotiation. However, Mr Kinnock said negotiations could only come through pressure and sanctions were vital to that pressure.

Mr James Craig (Glasgow Maryhill, Lab), who opened the exchanges, asked in what sense could Mrs Thatcher claim her administration was giving moral leadership on the issue of South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher: We tried at the Commonwealth conference to see if we could get the solution to the South African problem by negotiation and helped to set up the Eminent Persons' Group.

That EPG was widely welcomed. It was due to our leadership. If it had not been for the bombing of the three ships that group would have continued and could have come to a conclusion.

Mr Kinnock: When Bishop Tutu and his colleagues as well as the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front, together with other organisations representative of majority black opinion in South Africa, say repeatedly that economic sanctions are the most effective non-violent way to pursue the end of apartheid, what right has she got to disagree with them?

Mrs Thatcher: With due respect to him, we each have a right and duty to formulate our own opinion.

Mr Kinnock: In that case, we can tell she is not black and in South Africa where they do not have the right to formulate their own opinions. That is what is wrong with the system.

Since she offered her opinion, as she is perfectly entitled to do, last Friday about what was best for the black people of South Africa, what has her authority for stating that Mrs Thatcher: I have given, and will continue to give, our own view on the lack of effectiveness of economic sanctions. I will continue to give our own view that the important thing is to try and end apartheid by negotiation and to try to get the cessation of violence on all sides. That will continue to be our objective.

Mr Kinnock: Mr Botha's regime will continue to mock it. She really wants negotiations. They can only come through pressure and economic sanctions are vital to pressure.

Mrs Thatcher: Perhaps he will remember that previous members of his own party have said about sanctions. Perhaps he will remember what Mrs Heston said about sanctions, that they clearly would not be effective, they would be counterproductive.

Mr Kinnock: Economic sanctions which will increase unemployment in South Africa and which will increase unemployment here. How does he think that will bring about peaceful change?

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): With regard to her meeting with the Queen tonight, and in view of Her Majesty's known anxiety about the need to preserve the unity of the Commonwealth, will the Prime Minister, despite what she said last week, give Her Majesty an assurance that she places the unity of the Commonwealth above the unity of her own party?

Mrs Thatcher: If Mr Hamilton had listened he would have heard that I do not have an audience with Her Majesty at evening. There are certain things I discuss with her and not with anybody else.

Mr Norman St John-Stevens (Chelmsford, C): Will she convey to Her Majesty Mr Hamilton's concerns about her welfare. (Laughter)

Mrs Thatcher: I have nothing to add to what I have already said.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: In advance of the debate will she explain the distinction in her mind between sanctions, effective economic measures and ineffective measures.

Most of us find it humiliating that Britain has to be dragged along to inevitable action to bring pressure to bear on South Africa for positive change. She is the only one who has a right of abode in this country. Those people aspired to play a part in the development of that country as well as all other people, including the black majority.

Yet for all of them that future was at risk if it was to be dominated by economic struggle and racial conflict and it would not help if the South Africa that emerged from such a conflict saw itself as having done so in the face of opposition from Britain or the West.

Against that background, he and the Prime Minister had repeatedly made plain that the objective of the Government was to see apartheid brought to an end at as early a date as

Healey warns Thatcher on widening gulf in the Commonwealth

SOUTH AFRICA

If measures taken by Britain against South Africa were to be effective, they must give the South African Government an incentive to respond positively rather than an excuse to retreat still further into isolation. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during the Commons debate on an Opposition motion on South Africa.

Opening the debate, Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that if the Prime Minister vetoed action against South Africa again it could inflict massive shame on the British Government from which the British people could not escape.

Last year, he said, she had deliberately created a gulf in the Commonwealth. If she widened that gulf this year the Commonwealth might not survive.

Mr Healey moved an Opposition motion calling on the Government, in view of the worsening situation in South Africa and the report of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, to work actively with the African National Congress, Commonwealth and United Nations for the imposition of effective economic measures against the Government of South Africa.

That last year at Nassau the Prime Minister created a gulf between Britain and all other members of the Commonwealth both old and new. If she deliberately widened that gulf this year the Commonwealth itself might not survive.

Inside South Africa the situation had dramatically deteriorated in the past few days.

We have in South Africa today (he went on) a police state in which the government's actions have been chosen without explanation and kill without being called to account. South Africa today suffers from a news blackout far more complete than any communist coun-

try has ever known. (Conservative interruptions)

Armed men could break up church services and no word could be published of what had happened. The apartheid regime had blotted out the truth in the blackest Arctic night. The Eminent Persons Group had described the system in South Africa as "awesome in its cruelty."

The report described a system where the shooting or torturing of political opponents was accepted practice and where the state systematically used excessive violence against peaceful demonstrators, including mauling the faces of schoolchildren with sjamboks.

Yet all the Prime Minister could find to say about that system on television last week after reading the report was: "It must have been so irritating, so full of resentment, I understand how they feel."

Does she (he continued) really understand? Can she really understand? Can she not see that on South Africa as on so many other issues, she has her total incapacity to understand how the victims of society feel about their predicament makes her unfit for office?

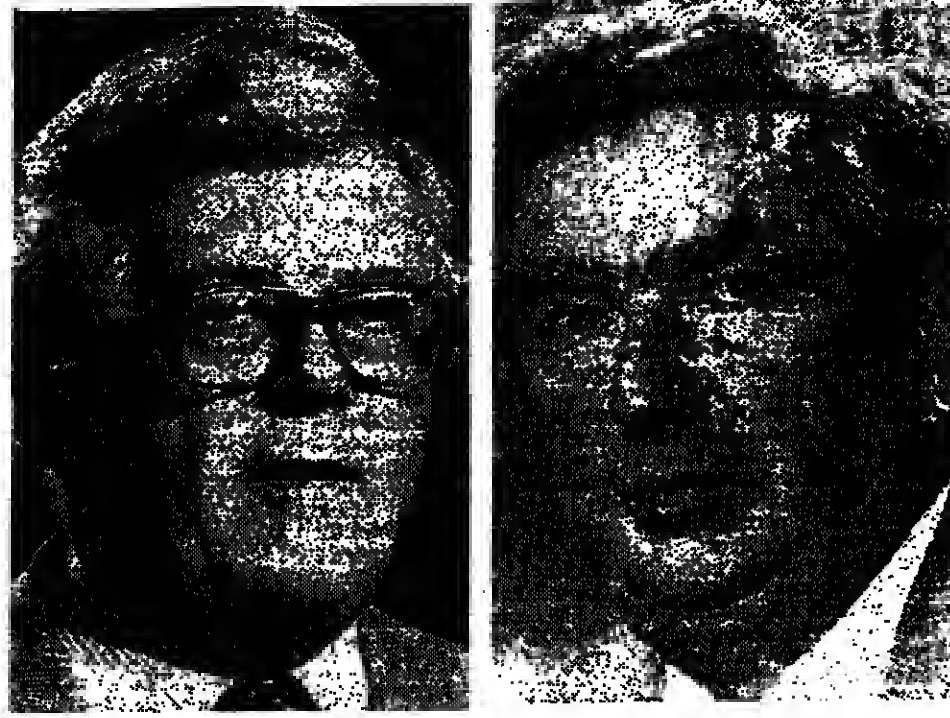
The Eminent Persons Group had been as shocked and astounded by the reality of apartheid as they were impressed by the quality and moderation of those who opposed it.

The Group had found the leaders of the ANC and the United Democratic Front wanted to achieve a multi-racial society by peaceful negotiation. They were prepared to suspend violence in order to achieve that.

But the British Government, until very recently, had refused all contact with ANC members. Even now, it refused to allow its Ministers to talk with them.

Instead, the British Government, like the United States administration, had chosen constructive engagement with apartheid. The Pretoria regime had rewarded them by systematic deception.

The EPG had said that the



Howe: Unconditional release of Mandela is the key

Commonwealth. If she vetoed action again, it could inflict massive shame on her Government, from which the British people as a whole could not escape.

How this issue was tackled might well determine whether the Commonwealth survived as an institution. Warnings had been given by some Commonwealth leaders that they might leave the Commonwealth if the Prime Minister exercised her veto again.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): Good riddance (Labour protest)

Mr Healey said he hoped they would not carry that out because within two years there would be another British Government which would have a very different policy on South Africa.

But the warnings could not be ignored and over the Prime Minister knew, could the Palace.

The arguments which the Government were using against sanctions were increasingly threadbare and contradictory. The Prime Minister's real concern was the future of Britain's economic interests. But the value of Britain's investments had already fallen by half with the value of the Rand.

More and more British companies as well as other multinationals were getting out as fast as they could. There was an imminent prospect of the South African Government imposing exchange controls which would stop British companies repatriating their profits and South Africa might default on its debts.

In fact, South Africa was no longer a shining pillar of industrial enterprise. It was sliding fast into the condition of a banana republic.

But did the Government really oppose sanctions? Its amendment today would be quite acceptable to him, provided the omission of the word "economic" did not exclude economic measures. The objectives which the Government set in its amendment were totally acceptable to the Opposition. He had been tempted to accept it.

If he found the Foreign Secretary's speech allayed doubts about the meaning of the amendment he might still discuss the possibility of accepting it with his colleagues.

If the Government's words meant what they said, and they were not part of the South

African vocabulary, then it was committing itself to a course of action which meant increasing pressure on the apartheid regime steadily for a few months, and years until it finally agreed to negotiation.

We would be wise (he said) to consider graduated economic and other measures to be applied at intervals as envisaged at the Nassau meeting until finally negotiations take place. If that is what the Government is recommending to the House, that is fine by me but if not, if these are simply waffle words by which the Government hopes to escape criticism and responsibility for a few months, then I warn it, it is riding straight for disaster.

We in Britain (he said) have become used to the daily indifference of the Prime Minister to human suffering. We are used to her armour-plated complacency on issues where her ignorance is total. We are used to it but we are sick and tired of it. (Labour cheers)

But what we cannot accept is her monstrous sacro egoism which allows her to say: If I were the odd one out and I were right it would not matter. She is not always right.

Six seek Nimrod radar contract

DEFENCE

The Government confirmed that it has received proposals for airborne early warning (AEW) systems from six contractors, including GEC Avionics and three United States companies Boeing, Grumman and Lockheed.

Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, also told MPs during Commons questioning that the US Government had made proposals to supply either of the systems currently used in their military service. All contractors had been asked to state firm prices by July 7.

The Ministry of Defence had something like 50 officials working on the overall project.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) asked why the tender case had been moved so often - four times, he believed. Was it because of a running dispute between the Department of Trade and the Ministry of Defence?

Mr Lee said the Government was running a fair competition and intended to be totally even-handed. (Labour laughter)

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burnwood, C) said that a number of overseas proposals would provide aircraft other than the Nimrod.

If one of those was selected, did Mr Lee foresee the 11 AEW Nimrods could be possibly redeployed in the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) role?

Mr Lee said that suggestion would be considered, as would any cost-effective solution.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Wokingham, Lab) suggested that the scandal of Nimrod, made by Marconi Systems, was suspended only by the fact that the torpedoes did not work.

Did not Marconi Underwater Systems Limited need a major shake-up? Had they not purchased the services of Mr James Lee? (Laughter)

Mr Lee: Nobody can be proud of events.

Prior (Waverley, C) only so that they could effectively impress Cabinet members with undue pressure?

Mr Lee: We are in the air, not under water at the present time. (Conservative laughter and cheer)

Mr Lee: I do not know the difference.

I repeat, this is a project of which, historically, neither industry nor the Ministry of Defence can be particularly proud.

Mr Anthony Buck (Cotchester North, C) (former Under Secretary of State for Defence, wanted to know when the Government would be able to announce something definitive, even firm and specific, on the Nimrod programme. Would it be in a month, or a year?

Mr Lee said the Government had something like 50 officials working on the overall programme, some of whom would carefully analyse the proposals as they came in.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Hull North, Lab): The Ministry seems to be all at sea over this matter. Why on this, as on previous occasions, has it decided to move the process in terms of tendering? This has all the unsavoury atmosphere that attended the tendering for the RAF trainer.

Has the department given up all belief in a British early warning over-the-horizon radar system? Will it give an undertaking that the announcement about which system is to be adopted will be made in the House and not leaked from the department or slipped out when the House is in recess?

Mr Lee: In due course the decision by the Secretary of State for Defence, will be announced in the House. We intend this competition to be totally even-handed.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfriesshire, C): In the Nimrod we have a first-class airframe and engine. Is it really beyond the wit of our industry to provide a radar set to be added so that we can fulfil the contract?

Mr Lee: It would be inappropriate for me to answer that or he draws. We are in a full and genuine competition situation.

Thousands of British jobs depend on trade with SA

Economic action must not be judged by cost to UK

Sir Geoffrey Howe moved the Government amendment which established a body of trade safeguards for the minorities.

That was the only hope for a prosperous South Africa living in harmony with its neighbours, but that had to be achieved peacefully and without revolution.

It would not help to promote changes of that kind if there were to be implemented policies that would ruin the South African economy.

The past year or two had seen the repeal of a great deal of petty apartheid. That was a step that could not be brushed aside.

There had been fundamental reforms in legislation which a year or so ago would have been beyond imagination.

The South African Government had shown the first signs of the courage to make a start but they had not yet found the final courage of conviction, the conviction necessary to say that apartheid in all its guises must be swept away.

The EPG had said that violence against the white minority was a security problem without tackling the underlying causes of the problem could only make things worse. It was that underlying problem, the nature of the system itself, that cried out for change.

For that change to be effective it needed to come from dialogue and the suspension of violence on all sides.

The Eminent Persons Group had overruled suspicion and mistrust and offered the South African Government an opportunity without precedent to break the vicious circle of violence.

All regretted that the South African Government had failed so far to take that opportunity.

We must urge on the South African Government above all else (he said) to think again about this.

The group had charted the course which must eventually take place, and had identified the obstacles ahead and some ways round them. The mission would have been worth while for that alone.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: He has referred to negotiation as the Prime Minister has, and has talked about dialogue. The EPG said that adequate progress they had looked for had not materialised. In recent weeks, the Government would appear to have moved consciously away from

realistic hope of progress. I hope, as he does, but what grounds of hope has he that the Botha Government will enter into negotiations? Sir Geoffrey Howe: It is because the group concluded as it did that the House is considering this motion and amendment. We must ensure that the contribution made by the group is not wasted. It is not a matter of whether such measures would compel change. It was already the case that their absence and Pretoria's belief that they need not be feared deferred change.

The Prime Minister's real concern was the future of Britain's economic interests. But the value of Britain's investments had already fallen by half with the value of the Rand.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, said it must be clear to anybody listening to the Foreign Secretary that he had not made up his mind about anything, he intended to do that. That might be an advantage to all of them, because the debate was early enough, perhaps, to influence decisions.

There had been a crack in the previously solid facade which white South Africa presented to the world. There were signs of a crack in the moral judgement of the Dutch Reform Church.

I say to the Prime Minister (he went on) that she has a moral duty to lead a moral crusade against all more genuine moral indignation about what is going on in South Africa would not come amiss.

There was a desperate need for this country to show that it was prepared to pay a price to stand up to its flags of moral repugnance. We must not (he said) judge any economic action that may be necessary by the cost to us.

Any sanction or measure if it was to have value must have the support of the entire international community. They had seen in Rhodesia the problem when that solid support was lacking.

But no one writing the history of the independence of Zimbabwe could ever say that sanctions had no impact on the Smith regime. They had, the tragedy was that they could have been much more powerful and if they had been carefully and determinedly applied, the armed struggle would not have weakened such a toll.

The Government should recognize that the threshold of economic sanctions had to be crossed. The best way was a ban on new investment. It would be the clearest and most positive signal to the business community in South Africa that the squeeze would be relentlessly applied.

It would also be beneficial if an international strategy could be devised which would restrict South Africa's access to a ban on direct intercontinental air travel into South Africa was among other thoughts.

Another sanction which was much discussed was whether action should be taken against fruit and vegetables. This would be a way of impacting on the African market, an important element in singling out the groups of people to whom it was necessary to bring home the impotence of the world. There was not much time.

Mr Francis Pym (South East Cambridgeshire, C), a former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said there was something approaching a universal feeling that it was no longer adequate to look on, wring one's hands and do nothing. The feeling was that inaction in this case was immoral.

Sanctions would inflict hardship on individuals in South Africa and on the national economy.

But the opposite policy - not applying sanctions - had not resulted in political progress, let alone power-sharing. Rather, it led to an extension of privilege and use of emergency powers.

It also increased hardship on individuals. It was a Catch 22 position.

He wanted the British Government to take a positive lead in identifying the measures which the EPG report unanimously concluded were necessary against South Africa - not as reluctant co-operators, but rather setting their objections aside.

Lord Gray of Coventry: There was clearly some misunderstanding between British Nuclear Fuels Ltd and the Atomic Energy Authority about the quantity of plutonium being sent from Sellafield and Dounreay.

Lord Gray of Coventry, Minister of State for Scotland, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Answering a question from Lord Brockway (Lab) about the missing material, he said: Residue plutonium had not been sent at all because it had not been sintered and would not dissolve in nitric acid? Will the Government take action to prevent a recurrence of this extraordinary event?

Lord Gray of Coventry: I cannot confirm the quantity involved

British Government to meet that challenge.

Dame Judith Hart (Clydesdale, Lab), a former Minister for Overseas Development, said she hoped Labour MPs would not vote against the Government amendment because she welcomed anything that might lead to effective measures.

The real issue, though, was what those measures should be. She rejected the idea of merely sought to say to the Pretoria regime: "Behave better, we do not like you."

What she was after was what Mrs Thatcher had talked about - effective measures.

The trans-national corporations operating in key areas in South Africa, 142 of which were British, should disinvest. Such disinvestment, together with effective financial sanctions, need not mean great damage or loss of jobs to the British economy.

Sir Anthony Kerawick (Stroud, C) said trade sanctions were not appropriate because he did not believe Mr Botha intended to relinquish power, whatever the pressures and whatever the cost. Neither sanctions nor anything else were relevant to changing his mind.

Sanctions would be an exercise in moral indignation. Of course South Africa feared sanctions and they would make life more difficult, but it did not follow that it would change its mind. The idea that the present regime would have one man, one vote and agree, in effect, to commit suicide was absolutely vain.

Sanctions would not bring parties to the conference table. War was not the price people from outside were entitled to ask the people of South Africa to pay.

Had diplomacy really been exhausted? Britain should not be stampeded by the shouts of those behind her and those in many cases stood in no danger and perhaps themselves hoped to gain, stamped into a policy of cry havoc and let loose the dogs of war.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab) said if there was not already a war in South Africa, there soon would be. The violence in South Africa and the violence committed by South Africa against its neighbours immediately to the north were the first signs of that developing bloodbath. That was the reason he believed this was a desperately urgent situation and one that the Government's attitude did not measure up to.

Owen: Signs of crack in white facade.

Lord Brockway: I am not sure that the Government is considering what measures should be put into place. If measures were to be effective, any steps taken should be taken in a way that would respond positively rather than offer them an excuse to retreat still further into isolation.

If such steps were to be effective, any steps taken must be designed to encourage the South African Government and business community to press ahead with the agenda of reform. Any such steps must secure the support of the international community. In the absence of that they would be more than an empty gesture.

They would be in touch with their partners and in Europe. Consultations had already begun.

Role of new court

subject to a right of appeal on points of law to the Court of Justice.

It would not bear cases brought by member states nor by the institutions of the Community. These went to the European Court of Justice. It would be there to clear up some of the very detailed probing necessary in cases which came to the Court of Justice.

We are seeking (he said) to make it easier and quicker to introduce procedural reforms. Substantive power changes will have to go before national parliaments. There is nothing in the Single European Act nor in this Bill which alters that in any way.

This clear-cut and eminently practical measure could help the lead on the European Court of Justice in a forthright and sensible way. The amendment would be a first step towards a new kind of very objective. The committee stage was

Misunderstanding led to loss of plutonium

plutonium was subsequently found to be still undissolved within the reprocessing plant.

That was not a possibility of an explosion and there was no danger to staff or the public.

Lord Brockway: The extraordinary and disturbing fact is that eight kilograms of plutonium, enough to make two atom bombs, was officially listed as missing in 1984 and it was not found until 11 months later at the bottom of the dissolver at Dounreay.

Would he confirm that it was wrongly labelled when it was sent from Sellafield and should not have been sent at all because it had not been sintered and would not dissolve in nitric acid? Will the Government take action to prevent a recurrence of this extraordinary event?

Lord Gray of Coventry: I cannot confirm the quantity involved

bombs. There was no risk at any time of this material being so used.

Lord Mollay (Lab): Will the system be investigated to make sure this cannot happen again?

Lord Gray of Coventry: There was clearly some misunderstanding between British Nuclear Fuels Ltd and the Atomic Energy Authority about the quantity of plutonium being sent from Sellafield. Both bodies are taking steps to ensure there is no recurrence.

Lord Avebury (L): Would the Government ensure there is a review of the accounting procedures?

Lord Gray of Coventry: It was as a result of the accounting procedure that the initial discrepancy was discovered.

Lord Stoddart (Lab): Eight kilograms of plutonium is an enormous amount of

mind that it is measured and accounted for in grammes.

Has not the impression been given of slackness in management at Sellafield which must be put right and a lack of communication between Dounreay and Sellafield?

Lord Gray of Coventry: I would not accept that. There has been a great deal of care taken throughout the industry to ensure that there is no danger in the transporting of materials between Sellafield and Dounreay. These procedures are being checked. The highest standards have already been attained.

Frigate orders announcement before recess

It was the Government's intention to make an announcement of frigate orders before the House rose for the summer recess. Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said during Commons questioning.

Mr Dennis Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, had asked if the minister was in effect confirming what we all believe that this Government will not be able to honour the commitment to a 50 warship Navy and that means ordering three type 23 frigates every year for some considerable time. The implication is that the Navy will be cut, reduced and run down in order to pay for Trident.

Mr Lee: He is totally wrong. It is our intention to maintain a



# MPs want guaranteed jobs scheme for the long-term unemployed

By Sheila Gann Political Staff

The Government should give a job guarantee to every-one out of work for more than three years, an all-party Commons committee recommended yesterday.

It called for pilot schemes, offering a one-year job to some of the long-term unemployed, as a way of reducing the "prison sentence" of unemployment.

Ministers have promised to give the proposal full consideration, as well as other measures suggested by the employment select committee to cut the dole queues.

Mr Eric Forth, Conservative MP for Mid Worcestershire, was the only committee member to vote against a nationwide jobs guarantee scheme, estimated at costing £1,000 million. Two other Conservative MPs on the committee yesterday repeated their strong backing for it.

The committee originally called for a £3,300 million package of measures to tackle long-term unemployment. But the Government disputed the costings and did not back the proposals.

The committee responded yesterday by scaling down its original demands and said the £1,000 million jobs-guarantee scheme would lead to savings in social security benefits.

It stated: "We welcome the reiteration of the Government's concern about the long-term unemployed and take its reply as in no way a rejection of the committee's assertion that the long-term unemployed represent a priority category for assistance."

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enthusiastic about the scheme and told the committee the MSC "would be able to deliver such a guarantee".

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Royal Marines with the SA80 at Buckingham Palace yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

## Marines show new stubby rifle

They were changing the guards' rifles at Buckingham Palace yesterday. But gone were the traditional crunch of rifle butts on gravel and the smart slap of shouldered arms.

A new drill had to be created for the SA80, a stubby assault rifle, seen at the Changing of the Guard ceremony for the first time yesterday.

The Royal Marines of 42

Commando, who took over from the Scots Guards yesterday morning, are the first operational unit to be equipped with the new Enfield 5.56 millimetre weapon.

The SA80 is 4 in shorter than the standard SLR weapon and the men think it is "great", Sergeant Peter Williams, a Royal Marines spokesman, said. It is more

powerful, more accurate and its recoil is negligible.

Sgt Williams admitted that it had taken some time to get used to the new gun.

In practice sessions, he said, Highland soldiers had complained that the procedure for fixing bayonets, which involves grasping the rifle between the knees, was ruining their kilts.

## Columnist 'subject of planned ridicule'

Mrs Rosemarie Marcie-Riviere, the wealthy socialite, threw Mr Taki Theodoropoulos out of her jet-set lunch party 'like a dog' as part of a plan to ridicule and humiliate him in front of his friends, it was claimed in the High Court yesterday.

In his closing speech on the tenth day of the libel action brought by Mrs Marcie-Riviere, aged 71, against Mr Theodoropoulos, aged 48, Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, for the defence, told the jury that the evidence left no choice but to accept that was so.

The first question for the jury was whether the case was really a libel action or just "a lady using her considerable wealth and the English courts to pursue a vendetta against Taki," Mr Bateson said.

Mrs Marcie-Riviere, married five times, claims that she was made out to be a "high class tart" and a "coarse and ill-mannered woman of loose sexual morals" by Mr Theodoropoulos in his "High Life" column in *The Spectator*, after the lunch party at her villa on the Greek island of Spetsai in 1982.

In the article Mr Theodoropoulos said that she had set a trap for him. Mr Bateson said that he accepted the words used were offensive and would be a libel if they were not true.

Mr Theodoropoulos, the publishers of *The Spectator* and Mr Alexander Chancellor, its former editor, all deny libel. Mr Theodoropoulos is counter claiming libel damages over an interview given by Mrs Marcie-Riviere to another magazine, in which she said his article was all lies.

The hearing continues.

## Minister's inquiry on 'anti-race' teachers

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The Home Office has launched an inquiry into the activities of some staff at a multicultural education centre in Bristol.

It wants to know whether they are fulfilling their duty to confine themselves professionally to teaching children of Commonwealth origin.

If, as has been claimed, they are found to be spending time on campaigning on racial matters, the Avon Centre in the city would lose some of the £700,000-a-year grant it receives from Whitehall under section 11 of the Local Government Act 1986.

The investigation comes after controversy about the case of Mr Jonathan Savery, aged 37, a teacher based at the centre but attached to a local school, where he teaches English to pupils from ethnic minorities.

He was cleared recently of a charge of racism brought by about 20 staff at the centre.

The inquiry was disclosed by Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, in a Commons written reply.

His officials have questioned council officers "about the functions of certain posts" and have asked for more information.

"In the light of this information, which is awaited, we will determine whether these functions can properly be supported under section 11," Mr Waddington said.

The move was welcomed by Mr Savery.

"There are around half a dozen people who, in my view, are drawing money under false pretences."

"They do nothing of tangible benefit to the section 11 group; they just swan around the county drawing fat salaries. They do no useful work; in fact they undermine the positive work done by others because they are not sufficiently anti-racist."

**Police death**  
The body of Mr James Tuplin, Chief Constable of the Port of London, will be flown back to Britain after his death in Taiwan four days ago. Mr Tuplin, aged 62, collapsed with a heart attack at an international conference dinner.

## Double life sentences for shotgun robber

Paul Ross, who shot two men and carried out a number of armed robberies, received two life sentences and additional terms totalling 80 years when he appeared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Ross, aged 22, was described by Sir James Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, as "a very serious and continuing danger to the public".

Sir James said that he wanted everyone to know that deterrent sentences would be handed out to those prepared to use firearms.

Two men who were shot were lucky to survive. The judge awarded one of them, Mr Andrew Douglas, aged 27, a travelling salesman, of Waterhall Avenue, Chingford, north-east Lon-

don, £200 for his "incredible bravery". He lost the sight of his right eye and has only one-third of vision in the left eye.

Mr Martin Wright, aged 28, a mini-cab driver of Danby Street, Peckham, south-east London, was shot in the chest when he refused to hand over his takings.

Ross, of High Level Drive, Sydenham, south-east London, pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Douglas and Mr Wright, eight armed robberies, two attempted robberies, assault with intent to rob and possessing four sawn-off shotguns.

Mr Dorian Lovell-Pank, for the prosecution, said that Ross led a gang - others have already been sentenced - which stole cash and property worth £47,000

## Outbreak of hepatitis at junior school

Twenty-three children at St Ives Junior School, Cornwall, have been taken ill with hepatitis, the infectious liver disease.

Several more are suspected of having it.

Mr John Abrahams, headmaster of the school, which has 260 pupils, said yesterday: "The exact cause of the outbreak is difficult to pinpoint because the incubation period is between two and six weeks."

He added: "We have emphasized the need for personal hygiene and have withdrawn common drinking utensils."

## Action against solicitors made easier

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A faster, cheaper way for dissatisfied clients to pursue complaints of negligence against solicitors is launched today by the Law Society.

It is funding a new arbitration scheme which means that for the first time, allegations of negligence need not be pursued through the courts.

Instead for a fee of £40, plus VAT, clients can have the complaint referred to an arbitrator, to be appointed by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

If negligence is proved, the arbitrator will have power to make damages awards. In practice these are unlikely to amount to more than several hundred pounds; as bigger claims would probably be more appropriately pursued in the courts.

The scheme is the latest of several proposed reforms to the solicitors' complaints machinery; and coincides with a similar move, expected soon to be announced by the Bar.

The Law Society has also

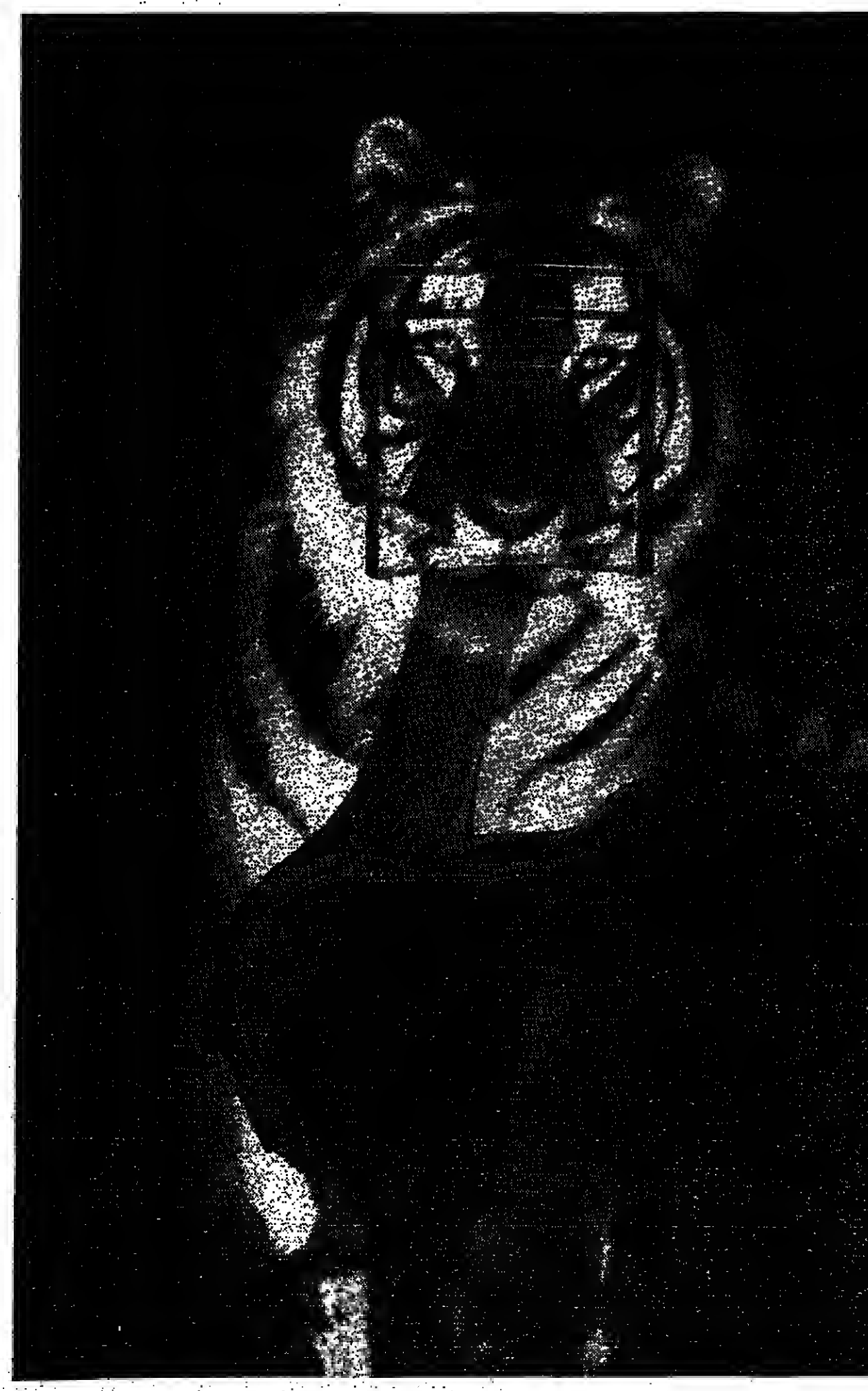
been granted new powers to handle complaints about shoddy work, under the Administration of Justice Act 1985; and those powers, along with a new Solicitors' Complaints Bureau separate from the Law Society, are expected to come into force by the end of the year.

The Law Society has no power to investigate complaints of negligence, which - until the new scheme - had to be resolved by the courts. But it is setting up a nationwide

negligence panel of solicitors to give one hour's free advice to aggrieved clients wanting to pursue a complaint.

Under the new Complaints' Board, it is expected complaints will be investigated by a committee, with a lay majority of members.


The Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, with its powers to reprimand, fine, suspend or strike off the roll, will still deal with the most serious complaints of professional misconduct.



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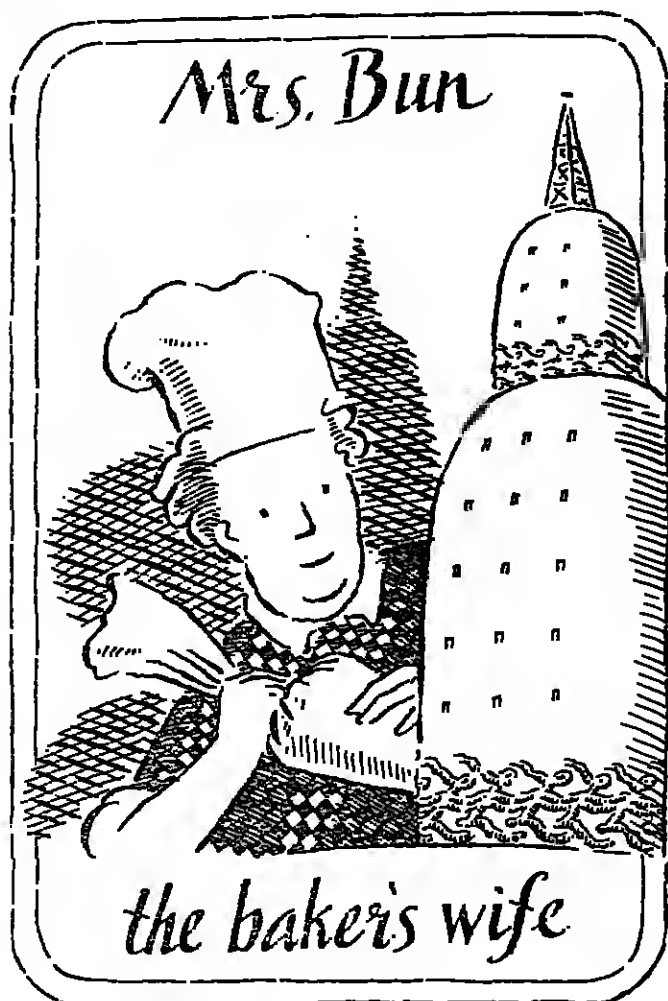
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# Two senior army men killed in Madrid machine gun attack

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Two senior Spanish army officers and the driver of their official car were shot dead in a hail of machine gun fire by two young men and one woman during the lunchtime rush hour yesterday. They were on a boulevard flanking Madrid's Manzanares river.

Witnesses said the killers fired directly through the army vehicle's windows from their passing car.

Major Ynestillas, known for his right-wing views.

ETA, the Basque separatist organization, was immediately suspected. It has often struck during election campaigns - Spaniards go to the polls on Sunday in their fourth general election since the advent of democracy in 1977.

Spain's Socialist Party, seeking a second four-year term, immediately put out a statement condemning a "terrorist provocation" aimed to destabilize Sunday's vote.

One of the victims was Major Gerardo Saez de Ynestillas, aged 51, who was well known as an officer of extreme right-wing views. He was a friend of the former army colonel, Antonio Tejero, who stormed Parliament at gunpoint in the 1981 coup attempt.

The other victims were Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Besteiro, aged 50, and the soldier driver.

An attempt was made by several passers-by to stop the killers who fled in a Renault

with false number plates. A policeman on a motor cycle was injured when he attempted to stop them.

Large crowds quickly gathered on the boulevard and began angrily shouting "ETA murderers."

Major Ynestillas was court-martialled with Colonel Tejero for plotting in 1978 to seize the office of the then Prime Minister, Señor Adolfo Suarez, and take him hostage. The major served a one-year prison sentence.

There is a clear risk now of an extreme right-wing reaction in the last days of the election campaign. A coalition of minor right-wing and Catholic groups is rumoured on Sunday.

ETA's last main attack in Madrid was in late April when it killed five members of the paramilitary Civil Guard as their van was hit by a car bomb.

This election campaign has been relatively quiet.

# Scandal may cut majority

From Harry Debelins, Madrid

A currency evasion scandal and a simmering conflict with church leaders threatened yesterday to diminish the margin of the anticipated Socialist victory in next Sunday's general election.

A director-general of the Defence Ministry, General Valentin Hernandez Palacin resigned on Friday just before testifying in a judicial investigation into the illegal removal of an estimated 800 million pesetas (£3.9 million) from the country.

Among others under investigation is a member of the press

section at the Prime Minister's office.

The monarchist daily, ABC, a strong supporter of the conservative opposition, demanded yesterday that "the Government should clarify the matter of the currency evasion before next Sunday."

The standing committee of the Spanish Roman Catholic Episcopal Council met here yesterday to decide whether to distribute, before the elections, an anti-abortion document which has already been prepared.

But some members of the hierarchy did not wait. The

bishops of five dioceses distributed pastoral letters which were clearly designed to discourage votes for the Socialists.

The Archbishop of Burgos, Monsignor Teodoro Cardenal Fernandez, warned the faithful against "an electoral effort which includes legislation on abortion, contrary to the clear doctrine of the Catholic Church".

He urged them "not to favour with their votes the implantation of a design for society inspired by materialism, secularism and Godlessness".

# Talk with PLO rocks Knesset

Jerusalem - Mr Mohammed Miari, a member of the Knesset, has had a secret meeting with Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (Ian Murray writes).

The announcement, made by Mr Miari himself, came as a shock to the vast majority of members who regard the PLO as a terrorist organization which must not be contacted.

Mr Miari, however, who was accompanied at the meeting last week by a senior member of the Anglican church from Nazareth, said that he and the PLO leader had agreed when they met that the only way for peace was to establish a direct dialogue between Israel and the PLO. Meetings between Israel and the PLO are not forbidden by law, although a Bill is before the Knesset which seeks to make it an offence.

# World jogger vows to go on

New York - Henry Weston, from Forest Road, Denmead, near Portsmouth, vowed to continue his attempt to become the first man to jog round the world despite being robbed of his passport and all his belongings in New York.

On Monday, after the daylight robbery, Mr Weston said he was giving up. But after a night's sleep, he confirmed: "I will go on. It will just take me a bit longer, I suppose."

# On air again

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran's international direct-dial telephone and telex communications returned to normal after nine days of difficulties following an Iraqi air raid on a satellite ground station.

# Air exercise

Rabat (Reuters) - The Moroccan and Spanish air forces will hold joint manoeuvres next week concentrating on the defence of the Strait of Gibraltar area.

# Quake benefit

Vienna (Reuters) - A benefit concert held in Vienna by the Spanish tenor Placido Domingo raised about £134,000 for the victims of last year's Mexico earthquake.

# Tough talk

Singapore (Reuters) - Taxi drivers who malign the Singapore Government by holding "scandalous conversations" with passengers will be punished by their union.

# Mercy flight

Tokyo (AFP) - Six-year-old Siamese twins, one of them in a coma, are to be flown from Vietnam to Japan in an effort to save them.

# Her time

Jakarta (AFP) - A woman in her seventies died here when she went to set the

# Minister survives Bogota ambush

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

Colombia's Interior Minister, Señor Jaime Castro, narrowly survived an assassination attempt when his car was ambushed in central Bogota early yesterday.

The April 19 Movement (M-19) immediately claimed responsibility, saying it was an "act of vengeance" for the bloodbath which resulted when government troops stormed the Palace of Justice when it was in the hands of M-19 guerrillas last November. Two of Señor Castro's

bodyguards and a police officer were wounded in the attack, which came only 24 hours after the minister had announced that the full text of a controversial official report on the government management of the siege would be published, regardless of whether or not its conclusions were favourable to President Belisario Betancur, his Cabinet or the security forces.

The attackers, including three women, escaped.

# Pay strike sets test for Athens

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A strike by Greek pilots over a pay dispute is becoming a test of the Socialist Government's determination to stick to its economic austerity programme.

The dispute has crippled Olympic Airways, the state-owned national airline, for the past eight days.

When the airline's 365 pilots and 112 flight engineers defied a civil mobilization order, which bans strikes as a felony, the Government jailed six pilots, dismissed a further 39 and applied to the courts to confiscate their personal property, to support claims of damages to the company resulting from their action of more than £1 million a day.

At the same time it chartered four aircraft and 80 crew from Lebanon's Middle East Airlines. With the help of 35 Greek pilots who opted to work it operated 45 of the scheduled 120 daily international and domestic flights.

Mr George Papadimitriou, the Transport Minister, yesterday rejected mediation offers from the European Pilots' Union and the Athens Bar Association.

Mr Spyros Horafas, president of the Greek pilots' union, said yesterday that the strikers were ready to resume work if the Government revoked all legal measures taken against colleagues and guaranteed negotiations.

# Church accused of guerrilla links

From John Carlin, Mexico City

A battle is brewing in El Salvador between the US-backed Government and the Roman Catholic Church over accusations that church and human rights groups have been acting as fronts for left-wing guerrilla organizations.

According to testimonies allegedly submitted to the authorities by former members of two well-established human rights groups, these groups for several years have been systematically providing disinformation on human rights issues to discredit the Government of President Duarte, its Army and the US

# Norwegians remain on alert after Chernobyl

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

As health officials from the Nordic countries meet today in the Swedish city of Uppsala to compare notes on the effects of the Chernobyl disaster, Norwegian authorities have warned the public not to eat freshwater fish because of radioactive contamination.

The Health Directorate said preliminary tests had shown levels of radioactive caesium in Arctic char from the county of North-Troendelag to be more than 10 times the permitted maximum.

The latest findings suggest that contamination of plants and animals over a wide area of Norway may have been far worse than was first thought. Reindeer, cattle, deer, elk, roe and even bears have been affected.

There are fears that the traditional hunting season will have to be curtailed because venison may be unfit to eat; and scientists gave a warning several weeks ago that the particular vulnerability of reindeer to radioactive iso-

topes, concentrated in the lichen on which they feed, was cause for alarm in the huge ranching industry of the northern counties and Lapland.

Confirmation of high radiation levels in farm fish could also prove catastrophic for Norway's thriving aquaculture industry.

Thousands of tons of vegetable crops have already had to be destroyed, and for the first time minute traces of radioactive strontium have been detected in milk.

All government statements emphasize, somewhat confusingly, that there is no cause for alarm, comparing even the highest levels of radioactive contamination in foodstuffs to that of routine X-ray examinations. In private, however, some officials joke that such reassurances may be true as far as they go, but the dosages are in fact the equivalent of "routine" examinations every day over a period of many years.

# Phalangists elect new leader

Beirut (Reuters) -

Lebanon's main Christian Phalange Party has chosen a new leader as fighting went on around three refugee camps.

The party elected Mr George Saadeh president in a landmark victory for reforming "young hawks" eager to win a bigger say in moves to end the civil war.

The vote gave Mr Saadeh a 53-41 victory over Mr Elie Karamneh, a close associate of President Gemayel.

Political analysts said the poll was a contest between traditionalists and Phalange leaders who wanted greater democracy in the party, long seen as a Gemayel family fief.

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But Monsignor Arturo Rivera Damas, the Archbishop of San Salvador, has cast doubt on her allegations.

In a sermon this week he said she and a former member of a group of mothers of people who had disappeared were arrested and tortured.

The US Embassy in El Salvador, however, appears convinced, having long believed that the two human rights groups were influenced and manipulated by the FMLN.

The embassy said it had reason to believe Señora Alfaro's confessions had not

# Diplomat expelled for beating apartheid demonstrator



A camera caught the drama as a South African diplomat beat a woman anti-apartheid demonstrator to the ground with a broom handle in Canberra on Monday.



Mrs Kirsty Vailah had scaled a wall and smashed two windows of the South African Embassy during a protest marking the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising. She was caught by Mr Conza Alberts, the administrative attaché at the embassy, who was yesterday expelled from Australia and has been given 10 days to leave (Tony Duboulin writes from Melbourne).



A federal police report concluded that Mr Alberts had used reasonable force when dealing with the protester.

Mr Cornelius Bessianse, the South African Ambassador, showed no regret and said: "We live in a world, unfortunately, where embassies and embassy officials are of course particularly vulnerable to attacks. We would hope for the continued support of the Australian

authorities to see that we get the necessary protection."

Senator Gareth Evans, the acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, said "that kind of behaviour is unacceptable."

Ms Vailah has been charged with trespassing on protected premises, resisting arrest and hindering police.

# Angolans round on Britain

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Live satellite transmissions from South Africa by foreign television companies have been banned by the Government's Bureau for Information under the national state of emergency declared by President Botha on June 12.

Television companies are already forbidden to take or broadcast any film of "unrest", which covers any form of riot or disturbance, as well as strikes and boycotts, and any counter-action taken by the police.

The main purpose of the latest restriction is to prevent live "two-way" interviews which, unlike pre-recorded material, are not subject to any editing process. Live radio interviews, conducted from abroad, are also banned.

"We were told that the reason for not allowing us (the satellite) facilities was to enable us to check for subversive statements before the material is viewed in America," Mr Dave Allen, bureau chief of the American ABC television network, said.

In a live interview, a television company could reasonably plead that it had no

# South Africa bans satellite broadcasts

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

control over any "subversive statements" made by the interviewee. Now that possibility has been removed.

At his daily press conference in Pretoria, Brigadier Leon Melle, the Bureau for Information's chief spokesman, also said that government ministers and officials would not agree to any more interviews conducted by foreign radio and television stations from abroad. "For the time being".

The news media have been significant targets of the emergency measures. One of the main restraints is a prohibition on the reporting of "subversive statements", which includes statements advocating civil disobedience, strikes, boycotts, economic sanctions and conscientious objection.

All journalists are forbidden to enter any black residential area, or any other area where "unrest" is occurring. No "news or comment" about the activities of the police and Army may be made public without the permission of the Commissioner of Police. No film or sound recording of unrest may be taken or broadcast without permission.

# ANC blames 'allies of a truly murderous regime'

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, yesterday accused Western powers - in particular Britain, France, West Germany and the US - of being "co-conspirators in a crime of immense dimensions" for their failure to impose sanctions on Pretoria.

Speaking in Paris at the five-day United Nations conference on sanctions against South Africa, Mr Tambo, who was praised in the recent report of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, said Britain, France, West Germany and the US could not avoid the blame for "the inevitable and terrible outcome of chaos" throughout southern Africa. It was they who had sheltered the apartheid regime from decisive international action, he claimed, adding that they had helped that regime in the past and were continuing to do so.

"Current reports confirm that the governments of these countries remain determined to persist in that ignoble and dishonourable role of allies of a truly murderous regime. If those who have the power to impose sanctions fail to do so now, then history will surely judge them as co-conspirators and participants in the commission of a crime of immense dimensions."

Mr Tambo said the ANC "would have loved to have liberated its country from a racist tyranny by pacific means, including negotiations", but had failed. The

# West accused of backing Pretoria

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Commonwealth mission had confirmed that the regime of President Botha was not prepared to resolve South Africa's problems by negotiation.

In its report on South Africa, published last week, the group described Mr Tambo and Mr Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned ANC leader, as "among the most striking figures whom we met in the course of our work". It had been particularly impressed by their "reasonableness, absence of rancour and readiness to find a negotiated solution..."

Mr Ide Oumarou, the secretary-general of the Organisation of African Unity, who is also in Paris for the UN conference, deplored the inability of the 12 EEC countries to agree on sanctions.

# Briton arrested after raid freed by Zimbabwe

From Jan Raab, Harare

Mr Callum Anderson, one of the first people to have been arrested in the wake of the South African raid on Zimbabwe last month, has been released from detention.

Mr Anderson, aged 33, who holds British citizenship, said in a telephone interview from Bulawayo that he had been told after being held for five days by security authorities that he was "in the clear".

However, he was held for another 35 days. Local press reports said at the time of his arrest that he was suspected of having led the South African commandos spend a night at his house. Yesterday, Mr Anderson said there was "no truth at all" in the report.

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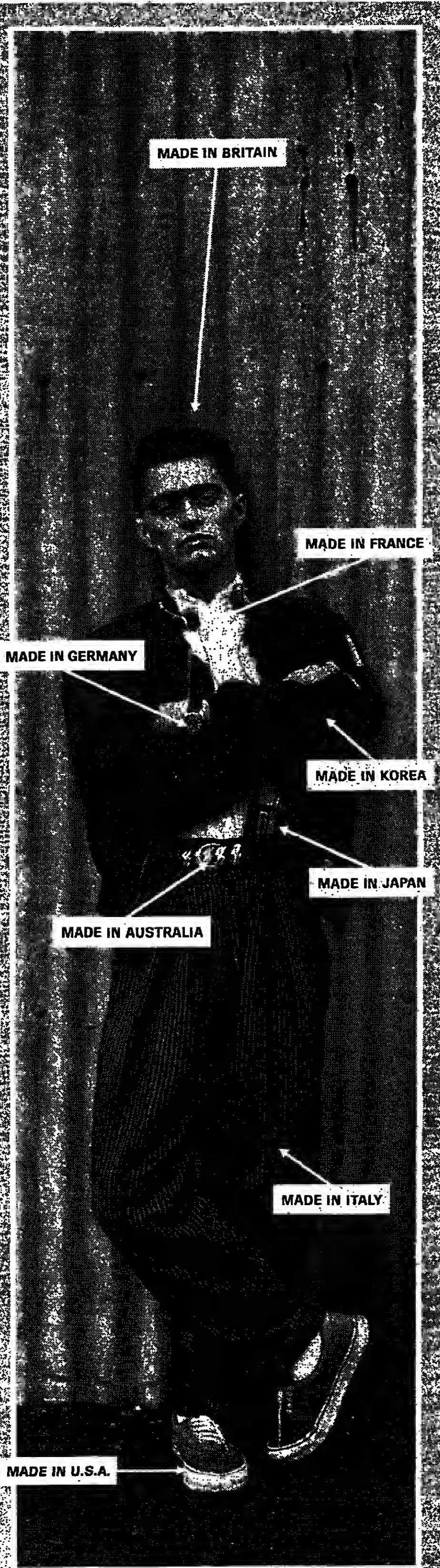
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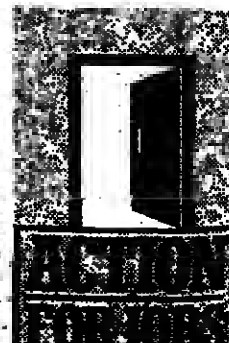
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# Polish police drive nets dozens of Solidarity activists and presses

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish authorities have launched a big operation against the Solidarity underground in the wake of the arrest of the fugitive union leader, Mr Zbigniew Bujak. Several dozen activists have been detained, flats raided and several important clandestine printing presses have been uncovered.

The thrust of the offensive appears to be in Warsaw, where Mr Bujak was the regional Solidarity leader, but police action in Gdansk led to the detention of several activists, including Miss Anna Walentynowicz.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, confirmed yesterday that Miss Walentynowicz, a crane driver who was at the centre of the 1980 strike wave, was detained by police on suspicion of trying to stir up public unrest, but was later released.

The police campaign has at least three dimensions. First, having arrested Mr Bujak just over two weeks ago, there was no logical reason for allowing lower-level Solidarity cells to continue.

Some had already been infiltrated by informers - General Czeslaw Kiszczyk, the Interior Minister, has publicly

admitted that this was happening - and others were dangerously exposed when a large part of the Warsaw Solidarity leadership fell into police hands.

Second, Poland will soon stage its Communist Party congress and wants to demonstrate that it is not soft on Solidarity.

Finally, an amnesty for political prisoners is under consideration - if, as Mr Urban said yesterday, the domestic conditions warrant it. Waves of arrests also preceded previous amnesties, partly to dramatize the gesture of throwing open the prison cells.

Much depends on the symbolic importance of Mr Bujak. The authorities claim that they found espionage material, including encoded information, in his flat.

The owner of the flat, a senior official at the Foreign Ministry, Mr Zbigniew Wroznicki, is to be charged with hampering the investigation into the Bujak case, Mr Urban said.

Apart from the Warsaw Solidarity organizers arrested simultaneously with or soon after Mr Bujak, there have been several other arrests,

including a number of people involved in printing the weekly Solidarity news bulletin, *Tygodnik Mazowiec*.

A concerted raid on flats in Warsaw's Zoliborz district led to the charging of about six union activists.

Most of those arrested from the medium ranks of Solidarity are being charged under Article 282, an all-purpose political article, which is used against those who engage in "anti-state activity".

It is assumed that almost all of those so charged will be freed under whatever amnesty emerges this summer. The leadership of the union - such as Mr Bujak and Mr Tadeusz Jedynek - are, however, subject to the military prosecutor and may face charges of preparing to overthrow the communist system by force, an article that carries a possible 10-year jail term.

Solidarity is very much on the defensive. Mr Bujak has been replaced - by a 50-year-old former schoolteacher, Mr Wiktor Kulinski - but even the simple printing of leaflets has become a dangerous pursuit. Sympathizers who used to lend their flats to clandestine printers for the night are now having second thoughts.



A Honduran soldier learning to place a US claymore anti-personnel mine during training exercises last week some 25 miles from the Nicaraguan border. About 1,500 American Special Forces and Rangers were involved.

# Thousands mourn at funeral for torn bibles

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

Thousands of mourners from all over Israel yesterday attended the orthodox funeral of the prayer books torn apart on Saturday by vandals who attacked a Yeshiva (bible school) in Tel Aviv.

A funeral of this kind is laid down by religious law as being necessary and the orthodox leaders wanted to make an occasion of it to emphasize their horror at the desecration of the school in the spiralling conflict between the religious and secular communities.

Vandals yesterday attacked another Yeshiva in Ashdod, spray painting graffiti condemning the orthodox on the walls.

In a statement to the Knesset, Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, has promised that the full force of the law will be brought to bear on anyone convicted of vandalism.

His statement followed a fire in the offices of the secular Citizens Rights Movement, which caused extensive damage.

An anonymous caller claimed it had been started by supporters of the right-wing Kach party, which vehemently calls for the expulsion of all non-Jews from Israel.

# US to reject Kremlin demand on SDI

By Henry Stanhope

The United States will not agree to the latest Soviet demand that its Star Wars defence programme be limited to laboratory research, a senior Pentagon official said yesterday.

More than half of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) is now devoted to the development of test models, which would have to be scrapped if the Soviet proposal

at the Geneva arms talks, were accepted.

The official, who was in London for talks at the Ministry of Defence, said a test planned for about 1990, in which a ground-launched missile would try to destroy an enemy weapon in space, would be among the casualties.

So would another which would involve launching an infra-red sensor into space to detect and track rockets.

Meanwhile, the Russians were continuing laser and particle beam weapon research at a number of sites including their air force research station at Sary Shagan.

The Soviet demand was contained in a confidential package of proposals put forward recently at the Geneva talks - then repeated in public by Mr Gorbachev in a speech to the Central Committee of the Communist Party on Monday.

He also wanted a promise that Washington would abide by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty for at least 15 years - in return for which the Russians would agree to cuts in the number of strategic missiles and warheads.

Although unacceptable as it stands, the demand is being seen as a sign of some movement by the Russians who at one time insisted on an end to SDI altogether.

# 'Dynamite Olga' to lead party

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Sweden yesterday elected its first ever woman party leader - rather late to the day for a country that prides itself on equality in all things.

Mrs Karin Soder, aged 57, known as "Dynamite Olga" because of her fiery temperament, takes over the agrarian-based Centre Party.

She contradicts most of the usual misconceptions concerning Swedish womanhood still held by foreigners, marking a return to a fiercely puritan tradition, opposed to both sexual licence and the easing of her country's archaic liquor laws.

During her time as Minister for Social Affairs from 1979 to 1982, Mrs Soder was responsible for the drafting of legislation which curbed the activities of Sweden's sex clubs so drastically that most have since gone out of business. She also banned the sale of alcohol at state liquor stores on Saturday mornings.

Mrs Soder's chances, however, of becoming Sweden's first woman prime minister are not good. Her predecessor, Mr Thorbjorn Falldin, caused a political sensation when he toppled Olof Palme in 1976 to head Sweden's first non-Socialist administration for 47 years, but his sorry performance in office considerably weakened the party.

Mrs Soder, however, an implacable opponent of nuclear power, is expected to gain support in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.

# Mulroney on trade offensive

From John Best Ottawa

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, has launched the nation into a politically sensitive set of free-trade negotiations with the US by telling Canadians that "an important turning-point" in their country's life has been reached.

The talks, expected to last a year or more, officially started yesterday in Washington between US and Canadian officials.

Mr Mulroney went on national TV on the eve of the opening round to try to rally Canadians behind his initiative.

The Prime Minister has been under fierce attack from both opposition parties in the Commons, the Liberals and the New Democrats, for proposing the free-trade discussions. The country appears divided.

It is already clear that the question will be an issue in the next federal election campaign, about two years from now, and could make or break the Conservative Prime Minister's political career.

Mr Mulroney sounded almost Churchillian as he asked Canadians for their support. "These discussions represent an important turning-point in the life of our country," he said.

Mr John Turner, the Liberal Opposition leader, who appeared after Mr Mulroney, told Canadians that his party "cannot support the Tory trade initiative".

# UN body gets its cash

Geneva - Despite the United Nations economy drive, the UN Development Programme has achieved its \$780 million (about £510 million) target for the year, an 8 per cent increase on the 1985 figure (Alan McGregor writes).

Announcing this yesterday, its new administrator, Mr William Drake, pointed out

that expenditure in real terms had remained unchanged for 15 years.

Reduced contributions by the US, Britain and France have been made up by larger donations from the Nordic countries, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain.

Mr Drake intimated that the UN Volunteers Programme will be doubled.

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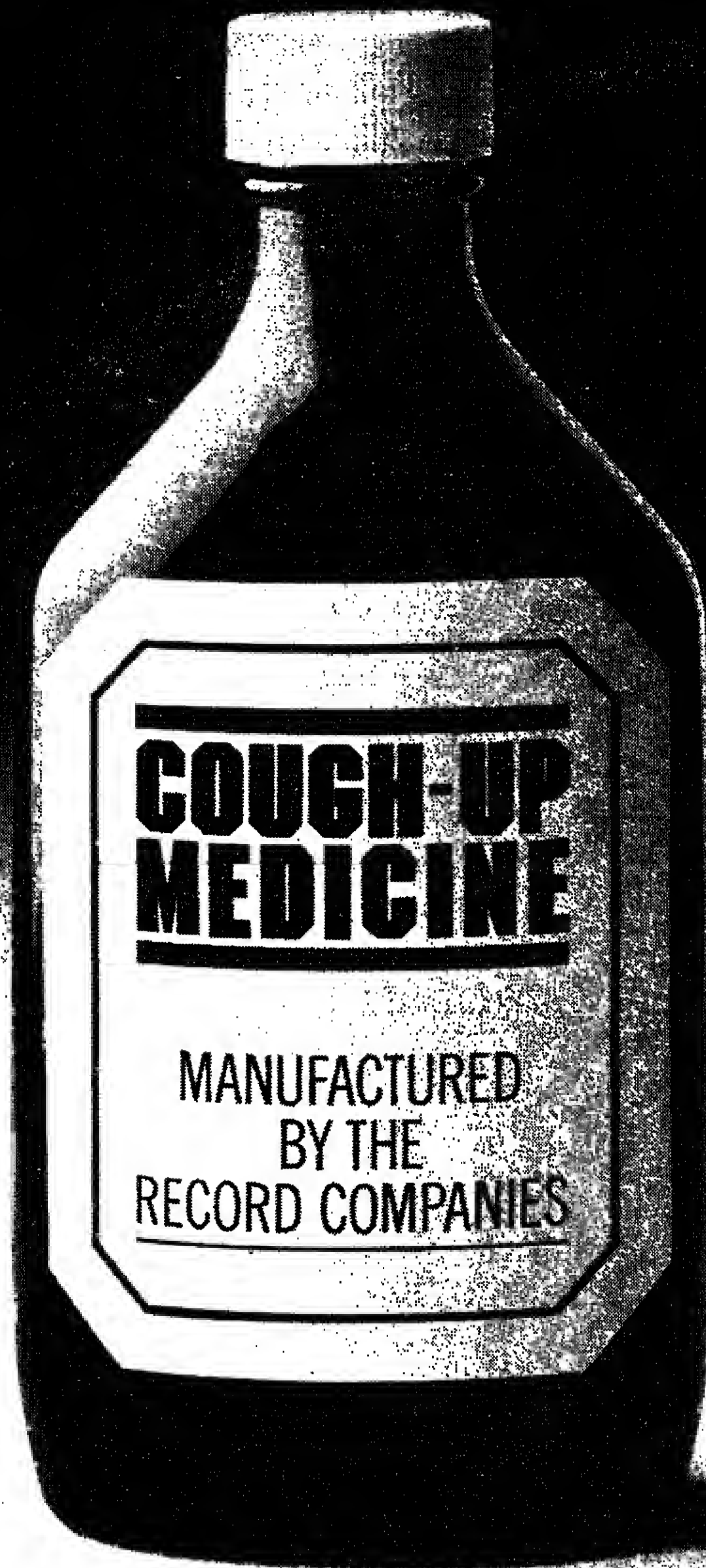
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# Israel's outgoing chief law officer accused over hijack deaths leak

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A member of the Knesset has accused Mr Yitzhak Zamir, the outgoing Attorney-General, of telling the media that two Palestinian bus hijackers were lynched by members of the Shin Bet counter-intelligence agency on the express orders of Mr Avraham Shalom, the agency's chief.

The Knesset member, Mr Ehud Olmert, has written to Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, protesting that Mr Zamir has committed a grievous criminal offence and damaged the security of the state by releasing top-secret information obtained before he retired as Attorney-General at the beginning of this month.

The aim of the leaks, Mr Olmert said, was to force an inquiry into the affair.

The Israeli media yesterday was full of reports from an anonymous "senior judicial source" describing in some detail how the two Palestinians were severely beaten and then killed after they were captured on a bus they had hijacked to Gaza in April 1984. The stories all appeared after a farewell party given by Mr Zamir to Israeli legal correspondents.

The reports say that the Chief of Staff, General Moshe Levy, ordered that all four

hijackers on board the bus should be killed when the Army stormed it. Killing them in this way would have been legal.

But only two were killed and the survivors were handed over to Shin Bet. Five agents then interrogated them and killed them, the stories say, having been ordered to do so by Mr Shalom.

Information about this is known to have been given to Mr Zamir by three senior Shin Bet officers, Mr Reuvin Hazak, Mr Peleg Raddai and Mr Rafi Malka. Mr Hazak is first said to have gone to Mr Peres to tell him about the way the men died and about a Shin Bet cover-up for two subsequent inquiries.

The Prime Minister, however, is said to have dismissed these allegations, believing they were an effort to get rid of Mr Shalom and for Mr Hazak to take his place.

The three then tried to see Mr Zamir but were refused permission for several weeks and it was only after the former Justice Minister, Mr Moshe Nissim, intervened that Mr Peres reluctantly gave his permission.

In a secret session of the High Court on Friday Mr

Malka is to lay a complaint against Mr Shalom and Mr Peres on the ground that the Prime Minister himself tried to block investigations of the affair.

These leaks, which have grown from a trickle to a torrent in the past week, come just as the new Attorney-General, Mr Yosef Harish, is making up his mind how to continue the investigation into the hijacking and any subsequent cover-ups.

In Mr Harish's view the facts surrounding the hijacking and deaths of the two men have "been investigated enough. The continued rehashing of the killings is harmful to the state and shows a lack of responsibility".

He is, however, concerned about the claims that there was a cover-up of what happened which was approved by the highest levels of Shin Bet who received two official inquiries. By the end of this week he has promised to announce what kind of investigation, if any, he will want to set up.

Whatever their true source, the latest leaks have made it very difficult for Mr Harish to refuse some kind of investigation.



Dutch police (above) opening the grave of Christian Lindemans yesterday watched by members of his family. The exhumation confirmed that Lindemans (below) had not escaped abroad to a secret life after a fake suicide.



## Dutch dig up war traitor's remains

Rotterdam (Reuter) - Police dug up the remains of The Netherlands' most notorious war traitor yesterday and ended years of speculation that he had escaped abroad in 1946 after a fake suicide.

Examination of the remains confirmed that Christian Lindemans, a double agent who betrayed about 250 resistance fighters to the Nazis, died and was buried here 40 years ago despite confusion in the official records.

His bones were dug up from their grave in a Rotterdam cemetery at dawn behind a shield of tight security, with the traitor's surviving brother and two daughters looking on.

Belinda Thome, a former comrade-in-arms of Lindemans, had formally requested

## Acid rain rift fails to deter Thatcher

From Tony Samstag Oslo

In barely a month in office, Norway's new Labour Government has taken the British by surprise in at least one respect: an aggressive line on environmental issues which has already resulted in two strongly worded letters and caused speculation that a visit to Norway by Mrs Thatcher might be cancelled before it was even announced.

The proposed visit was finally confirmed by 10 Downing Street on Monday. It will take place in the autumn, probably in September.

Mrs Sissel Roenbeck, the new Minister for the Environment, has lost no time in warning her British counterpart, Mr William Waldegrave, that the "softly, softly" approach on vexatious issues, such as acid rain, taken by her Conservative predecessor is a thing of the past.

Mrs Roenbeck signalled the start of her offensive at the beginning of this month in her introductory letter to Mr Waldegrave - normally an anodyne document - expressing Norway's "very strong concern" over plans for a fast reactor plant at Dounreay.

Three days later, on World Environment Day, she fired a second round. This time, she accused the British Government of "provocation against international society" because of its failure to install anti-pollution equipment at the new Drax B coal-fired power station in Yorkshire.

The office of the Norwegian Prime Minister, Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, confirmed, however, that it had been in touch with the British Embassy here three weeks ago to confirm that the visit was still on, despite the collapse of the Conservative administration which issued the original invitation in April.

## Seoul gets a surprise from north

From David Watts Tokyo

The North Korean military has made an unprecedented approach to its southern counterpart suggesting a meeting to ease tension on the peninsula.

The suggestion was made in a letter from Mr O Jin U, the North Korean Minister of Defence, to his southern opposite, Mr Lee Ki Baek. Mr O suggested the two sides, together with the United Nations command, discuss the halting of both military exercises and the expansion of forces.

It was the first time there had been such contact between the military establishments of the divided peninsula.

The South Korean Government said the "unprecedented" letter was "being closely scrutinized".

Mr O is rumoured to have been in favour of increased contacts for some time: perhaps to counter increased Soviet military influence in the north.

In his letter he said: "If war comes to our country it will be devastated and all of the people will face nuclear disaster."

The reason for the timing of the northern approach is unclear, but it may be a none-too-subtle reminder that it has the military power to disrupt South Korea's carefully laid plans for both the Asian Games in September and October and the Olympic Games in 1988.

The north has proposed a preliminary session between the two commands, which may take place at the truce village of Panmunjom in 10 days. That meeting could lead to a meeting of senior military leaders next month.

Mr O said the north was ready to listen to any suggestions from either the South Koreans or the Americans which may help alleviate tensions.

## Anti-Jewish tone returns in Egypt

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

Claims that the Holocaust in Nazi Europe was a myth and that Jews control American banks and the media have resurfaced in the Egyptian press in a disturbing recurrence of anti-Jewish sentiment here.

Israel has in the past complained to President Mubarak about anti-Semitism in Cairo newspapers, and the Egyptian leader has taken steps to suppress offensive material.

But the latest examples - in the newspapers *Al-Akhar* and *Al-Gomhouria* - have crept into print in editorials about the election of Dr Kurt Waldheim as Austrian President.

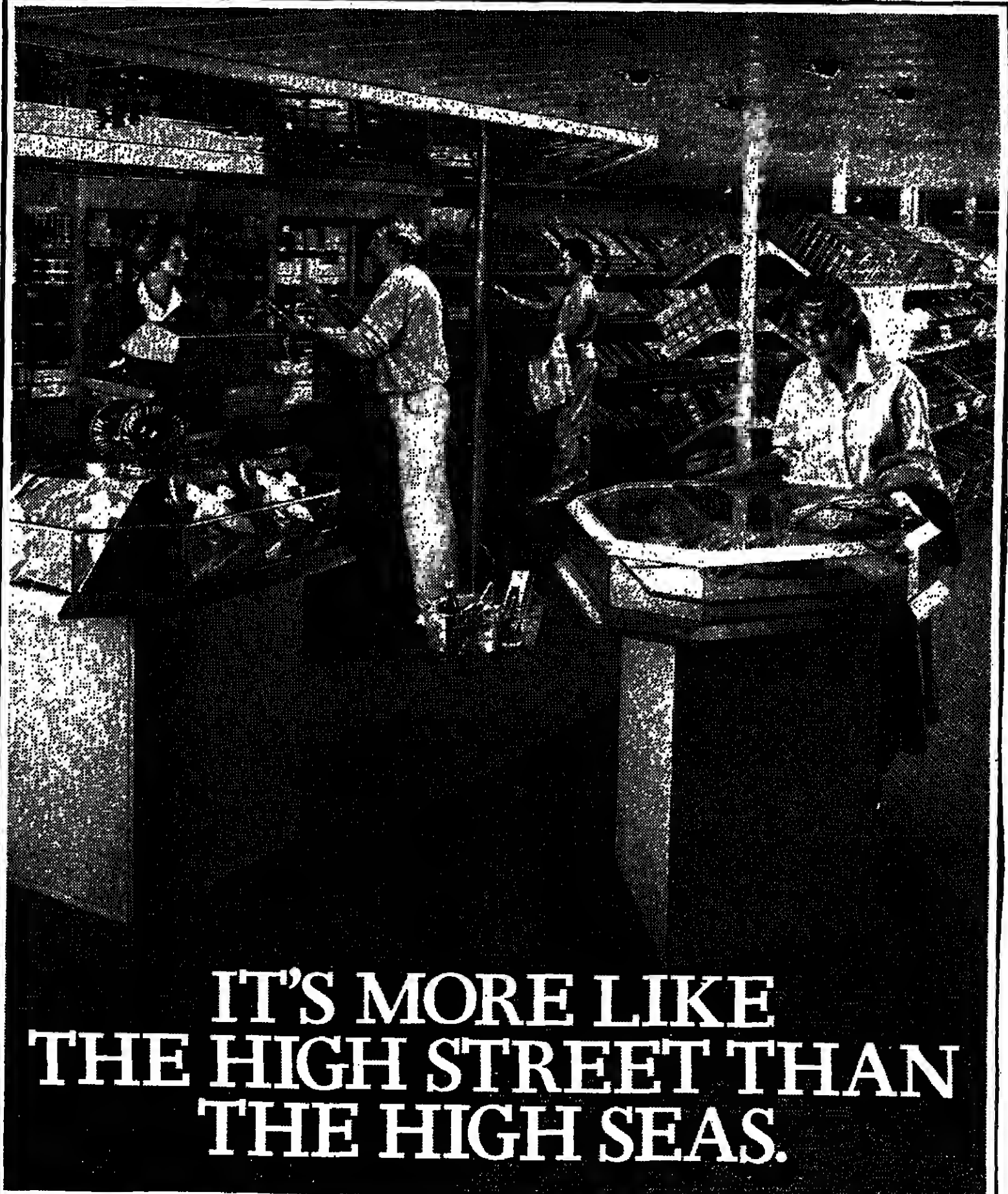
Egyptians, like most Arab nations, regarded the Israeli allegations against Dr Waldheim of complicity in war crimes as unwarranted interference in Austrian internal affairs.

But in the state-owned Cairo daily *Al-Gomhouria* last week the columnist Mohamed al-Hayawan goes further than mere criticism, claiming that Israel "has always sought to capitalize on what it constantly describes as Nazi persecution of the Jews. It has always sought to remind Europeans of these fictitious crimes".

The Israelis, Mr al-Hayawan wrote, interfere in the internal affairs of Egypt - by criticizing its relations with

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## Papandreou warns against Turkey links Stormy EEC summit looms

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

This week's two-day meeting of EEC foreign ministers, which ended here yesterday, has left at least three contentious issues for EEC heads of government to deal with at their summit in The Hague in a week's time: the co-ordination of sanctions against South Africa, the growing trade dispute with the US and a simmering row within the EEC over Greek objections to closer links between Turkey and the EEC.

EEC officials said yesterday there was a glimmer of hope over Europe's trade conflict with Washington, which arises from America's complaints that it has lost agricultural markets in Europe because of EEC enlargement.

Washington has already taken largely symbolic action against EEC products over trade arrangements for Portugal which exclude American imports. But the US is threatening more substantial action on July 1 over the loss of markets in Spain for American maize and sorghum.

Washington says it will restrict EEC exports of spirits, cheese, wine and vegetables.

The July deadline immediately follows The Hague summit and coincides with the handover of the EEC presidency from The Netherlands to Britain. With France pressing for instant and specific

the prospects for agreement on sanctions against Pretoria by the time of the summit. Officials from the Twelve are urgently drawing up a list of possible measures. But even the most likely sanctions - a ban on South African food imports - is viewed sceptically by Britain. Sir Geoffrey said before leaving for yesterday's Commons debate that a food ban would hit blacks employed in South Africa's food industry rather than the Government in Pretoria.

Diplomats say tensions are also likely at the summit over Greek objections to plans to revive Turkey's Association Agreement with the EEC, which lapsed in 1980 after martial law in Ankara.

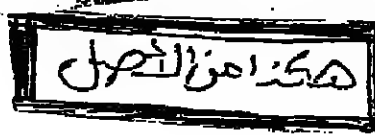
An Association Council is to be held in September, under the British presidency. Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, this week warned fellow heads of government and M Jacques Delors, the Commission President, that Ankara's "aggression towards Greece", the oppressive nature of the Ankara Government and its "illegal occupation of a sector of Cyprus" made any revival of EEC links with Turkey "inadmissible".

Despite this warning the foreign ministers appeared determined to go ahead with the September meeting.



Mr Papandreou: revival of EEC ties inadmissible.

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# Students clash with police as national strike looms in Chile

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Students at universities throughout Chile began boycotting classes and assemblies and holding marches this week as part of a national student strike against military rule.

The first serious incident was on Monday when busloads of heavily-armed riot police blocked access to the University of Chile law faculty, firing grapeshot and tear-gas bombs into the building in an attempt to dislodge a peaceful assembly of students. Later, police supported by soldiers armed with automatic weapons raided several campuses of the University of Chile and the Metropolitan University, arresting more than 100 people, among them seven professors.

At the time of the 1973 military coup, thousands of students were expelled and professors purged. More recently, universities have been restructured to conform to the junta's free-enterprise philosophy.

During the week, students have presented petitions to faculty officials and held several marches around campuses, preparing the way for a two-day national strike in July against the regime, led by Chile's largest opposition coalition, the National Assembly of Civil Society.

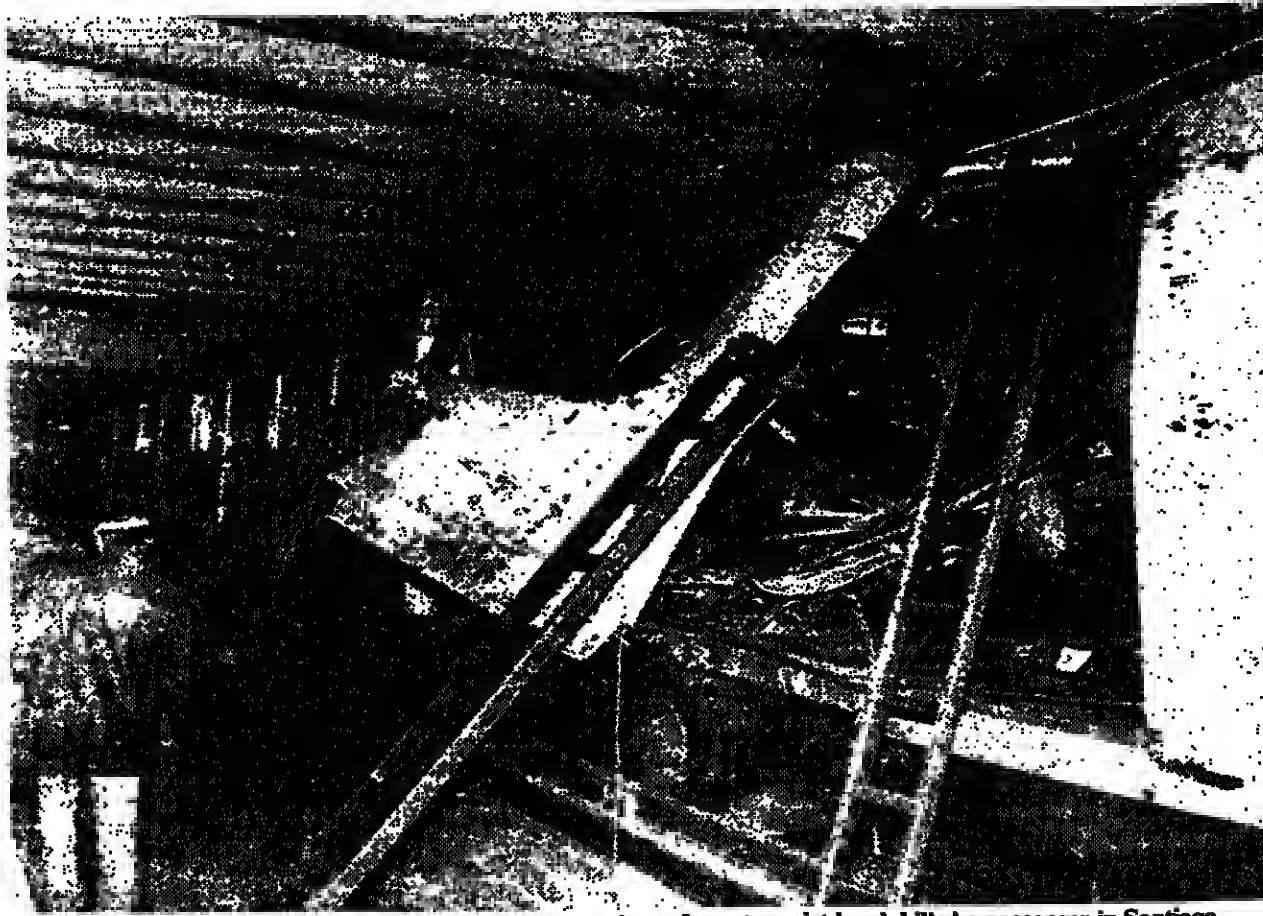
On Monday, spokesmen for the National Association of Lorry Owners, which paved the way for the coup through strikes and other actions, threatened to block highways with lorries if the junta did not respond to the National Assembly's demands.

**Bomb death:** One man was killed and seven people were wounded when a bomb destroyed a carriage of an underground train yesterday as it left a Santiago station (Reuters reports).

The bomb went off just before the morning rush hour at the Tobalaba station in the heart of Santiago's fashionable suburbs.

Ten minutes earlier, a bomb had exploded in the Los Heroes station in the city centre, causing minor damage. Service was suspended along one stretch of the Tobalaba line. Huge traffic jams built up on main roads to the city centre, compounded by flooding after 24 hours of torrential rains.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Leftist guerrilla groups have admitted sabotage bombings and attacks on security forces in the past, but have generally avoided indiscriminate bombings in public.



The damaged remains of an underground railway carriage after a terrorist bomb killed a passenger in Santiago.

## Indian holy city faces more riots and arson

Delhi (AP) — Hindu-Muslim rioting and arson flared again yesterday in the Hindu holy city of Allahabad despite a round-the-clock curfew, the United News of India reported.

The news agency said bomb attacks and shootings were reported in the five riot-scarred districts of Allahabad, at the confluence of two rivers

in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state.

The agency said extra armed police were rushed to Allahabad yesterday after the renewed rioting.

Police arrested 53 people on charges of rioting and arson, raising the number of those in detention to 230, the report said.

## Turkey sentences 19 left-wingers to death

Ankara (Reuters) — A Turkish military court in Adana sentenced 19 leftists to death yesterday on charges of trying to overthrow the state and killing 48 people, the Anatolian news agency reported.

Thirteen defendants in the case against the underground organization, Dev Yol (Revolutionary Way), were sentenced to life imprisonment,

while another 156 received jail terms ranging from two to 24 years.

They were charged with trying to establish a Marxist-Leninist state, killing 48 people, including two policemen, attempted murders, armed robbery and assaults on Adana, both before and after the 1980 military coup.

## Release of prisoners delayed by mix-up

From Keith Dalton  
Manila

The Philippines Government is committed to freeing all political prisoners but problems in distinguishing them from common criminals are hampering their release, the Justice Minister, Mr Nepitali Gonzales, said yesterday.

Trapped up criminal charges were often used to jail opponents of former President Marcos and these prisoners, mostly in civilian jails, were not among the 519 political detainees freed from military stockades by the Government of President Aquino, he said.

The Church-backed Task Force Detainees says 596 political prisoners are detained in town and city jails throughout the country.

The Justice Ministry claims to have no official record of the number of political detainees but admits many prisoners have been detained for more than five years, well beyond the minimum jail sentence, and cannot be released on parole because records have been lost.

**10 killed:** Communist rebels fired automatic weapons and tossed grenades at a village dancing hall where an army captain was giving a speech, killing the officer and nine other people, a military spokesman said yesterday (AP reports).

Fifteen other people were wounded in the attack in Alunggan village, 75 miles north of Tacloban City and 355 miles from Manila.

## Chittagong tribesmen in raid on settlers

From Ahmed Fazl  
Dhaka

The Bangladesh Army was called out at the weekend to quell clashes between Buddhist Chakma tribesmen and Muslim Bengali settlers. Five people were killed and 12 wounded in Bangladesh's troubled south-eastern Chittagong hill tracts.

Troops were rushed to a Bengali hamlet about 15 miles from the township of Dighinala in the region's Khagrachari district after armed tribesmen attacked, killing three Bengalis.

Officials contacted by telephone said the Bengalis later launched a revenge attack on a neighbouring village, hacking two people to death.

They said calm was restored after the Army took up positions around the affected villages.

Authorities saw more than 80 Bengalis had been killed in attacks by separatist tribal guerrillas belonging to the outlawed Shanti Bahini (peace force) in the past two months and about 6,000 tribals had crossed into the neighbouring Indian state of Tripura during a security operation to flush out insurgents.

The rebellion in the hills started in 1976 after dissident Chakma and Marma tribesmen opposed the resettlement of Muslim Bengali farmers on tribal lands. More than 10,000 regular troops have since been fighting a jungle war against the guerrillas.

## Law Report June 18 1986

### Eliciting consent defence in rape

Regina v Cox (David)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Rose.

[Judgment given June 17]

The difficulties involved in section 2 of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 were acknowledged by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, when delivering the judgment of the Court of Appeal allowing an appeal by David Cox, aged 24, of Whitehead, Oldbury, against his conviction at Dudley Crown Court (Judge Evans, QC and a jury) of rape of a complainant aged 20.

Section 2 provides: "If at a trial any person is charged with a rape offence to which he pleads not guilty, then, except with the leave of the judge, no evidence and no question in cross-examination shall be adduced or asked at the trial, by or on behalf of any defendant at the trial, about any experience of a complainant with a person other than that defendant."

"(2) ... the judge shall give leave if and only if he is satisfied that it would be unfair to that defendant to refuse to allow the evidence to be adduced or the question to be asked."

Mr Derek Stanley, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Christopher Hotten for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that sexual intercourse between the appellant and the complainant took place during a night while her boyfriend who lived with her was detained overnight by the police.

The appellant left the flat at about 8 am and she was re-arrested by her boyfriend. Not until about 11.30 pm did she allege that she had been raped by the appellant. Not until 4 am the next day was he arrested by the police and questioned.

The defence was that she consented. The appellant wished to cross-examine her and doubtless adduce evidence about an earlier occasion. It involved that she, while her boyfriend was away, had had sexual intercourse with another man, "Steven". He, somewhat ungrammatically, told her boyfriend what had happened. The boyfriend was enraged and tackled the complainant about it, whereupon she said that she had been raped by Steven.

A proof of evidence from Steven was available to the

appellant. In it Steven asserted that sexual intercourse was with her consent, he had told the boyfriend about it, he (Steven) had heard that he was being accused of rape by the complainant, had gone round to see the boyfriend and complainant together and, in the boyfriend's presence, the complainant had admitted that she had accused Steven of rape and that the accusation was false.

The trial judge ruled against the application to question her about that occasion. The proper approach — his Lordship acknowledged that it was a difficult matter for any judge to decide in any particular case — was whether it would be unfair to exclude such cross-examination.

In *R v Viola* ([1982] 1 WLR 1138, [143]) the court had said: "Questions ... going simply to credit will seldom be allowed ... On the other hand if the questions are relevant to an issue in the trial ... for instance, relevant to the issue of consent ... they are likely to be admitted, because to exclude a relevant question on an issue in the trial as the trial is being run will usually mean that the jury are being prevented from hearing something which, if they did bear it, might cause them to change their minds about the evidence given by the complainant."

"But ... we are very far from laying down any hard and fast rule. The effect of the proposed questions and evidence was to indicate that it was not so much the sexual intercourse with Steven which was of importance but what the complainant had said about it afterwards. That really was the subject of the application.

The judge had indicated a line of questioning falling short of the questions which he had ruled against. However, if the defence was to be prevented from putting to the complainant the real nub of the Steven incident, the effect of the cross-examination would be largely lost. Their Lordships had concluded that to stop the questioning short of that point was unfair to the appellant.

The conviction would be quashed. Solicitors: Mr I. S. Manson, Birmingham.

### Condition of old oven

Morris-Thomas v Petticoat Lane Rentals Ltd

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment given June 17]

Where a person had been granted a licence to occupy a 100-year-old oven, the age and condition of which was well known to her, for the purpose of storing, displaying and selling antiques, and no express repairing proviso had been incorporated in the licence agreement, there was no basis for implying into the agreement an absolute obligation on the licensor to make and keep the oven reasonably fit for the sale and storage of antiques.

The fact that counsel had made a mistake in presenting his client's case would rarely justify granting a retrial, since that would be unfair to the other side.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Gwendolyn Mary Morris-Thomas, from an order of Sir Douglas Frank, QC, who, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on March 21, 1984, had dismissed her claim for damages from the defendant, Petticoat Lane Rentals Ltd, the owner of an oven of which she was licensee, in respect of loss and damage

the ingress of water into the oven.

Mr David Parry for the plaintiff; Mr Frederic Reynolds, QC and Mr Michael Brompton for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the court would not permit a litigant to suffer from the mistake of his lawyer if the mistake could be corrected without injustice to the other side (see *Doyle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd* ([1969] 2 QB 158); but when the mistake could only be corrected by letting the plaintiff start again with a fresh trial it would rarely be possible to assist such a plaintiff.

It was impossible to suppose that the defendant, if asked, would have agreed that it should be treated as having warranted the fitness of the oven for the plaintiff's purpose. Such a warranty was in no sense necessary to give efficacy to the agreement.

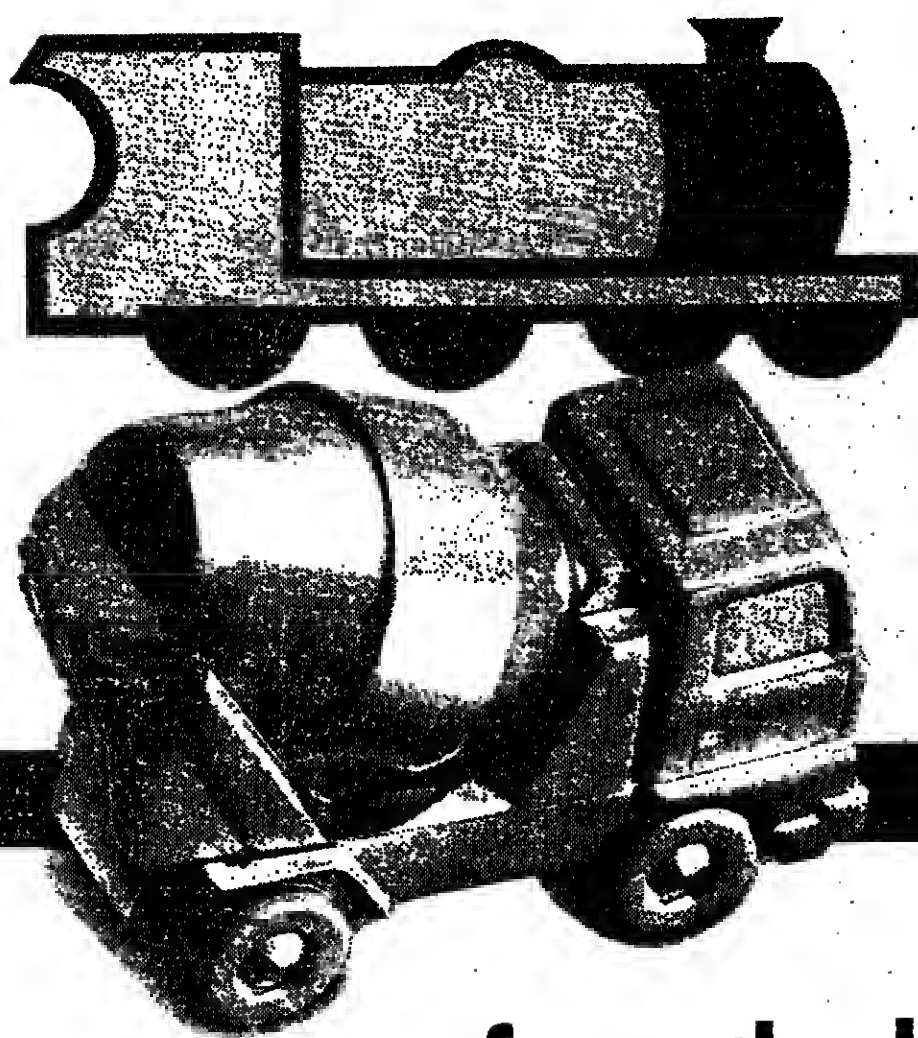
The defendant was not free to cause or permit the premises to decay so as to render the oven useless to the plaintiff, but it was not necessary to assert such freedom in the defendant in order to deny the existence of the term for which the plaintiff contended.

Solicitors: McCulloch & Wilson, Harrogate, Leeds, York.

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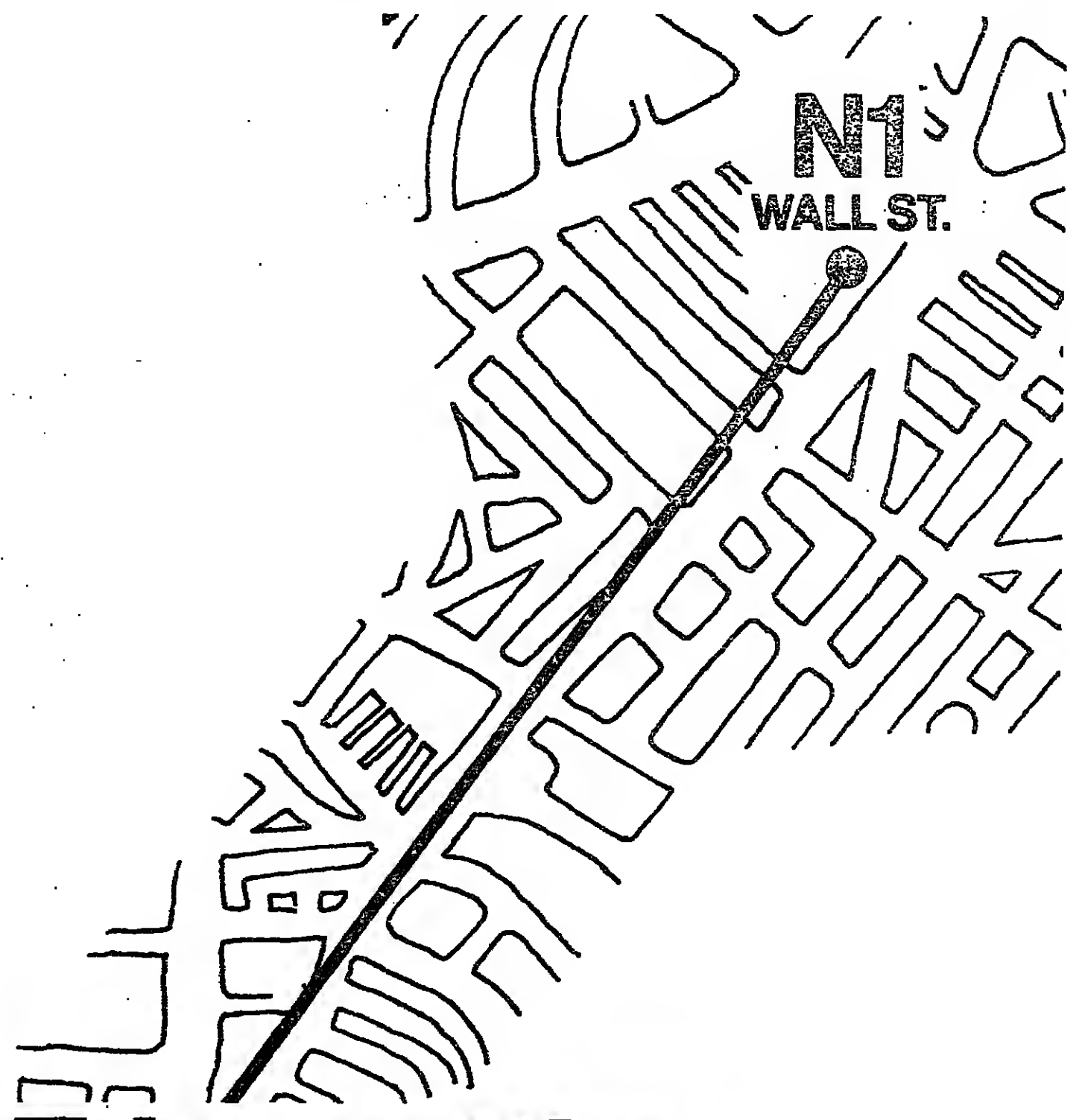
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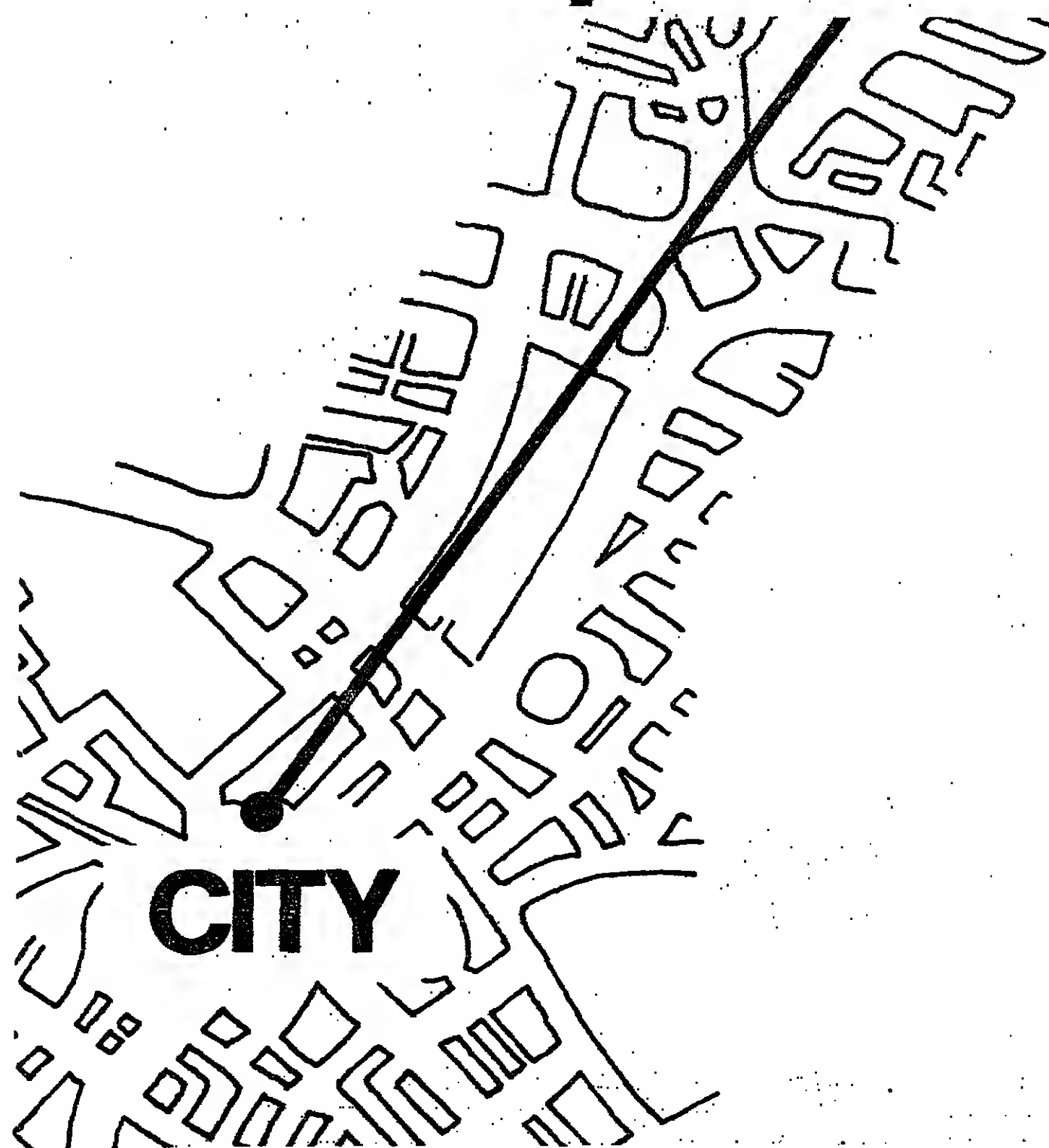


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# A new heart for the divided city

One man's vision and the faith to see it through won for Londonderry The Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Scheme's top award last week. Richard Ford reports

Londonderry was where it all began 17 long years ago. It is a city linked irrevocably with gerrymandering and violence, where on either side of the steep banks of the River Foyle the emotions and fears of two cultures and identities clashed like warring tribes. A city with two names, each more than enough to indicate from which side of the sectarian divide its people are from. The troubles, as they are euphemistically called, have left their scars on its people, its buildings and demography. Three hundred years of ill-feeling and spit blood between Protestant and Roman Catholic have culminated in a city virtually divided by the river flowing in its midst.

Blitzed by the bombers time and time again, blighted by economic depression and some of the highest unemployment in the United Kingdom, the spirit of its people and their pride in their community has not been broken. "Sure it's nothing more than an overblown village. Everybody knows everybody else and there's a tremendous attachment to the place," said one young woman.

Now, having taken just about everything that could be thrown at it, a new spirit is abroad in the city — the spirit that proclaims "we can do it, we will show the world".

In their first season in the League of Ireland football club has attracted up to 12,000 supporters to each home game, astonishing both the club and the League. And in the walled city itself the

Derry Inner City project last week won the top award in *The Times/Royal Institute of British Architects Community Enterprise Scheme*.

Providing training, jobs and interests to hundreds who would otherwise be on the dole, it is an urban renewal programme showing what men driven by a dream for their own community can achieve by persistence and all-round effort. It involves church, commerce and government departments but, most important, it involves the people themselves.

Scrawled on a wall near the project's office are the words "Keep Derry Udy — Brits out". Inside, the scheme's driving force and visionary relishes the irony that he, an uncompromising Republican, longing for the day when Britain packs its bags, shook hands with the Prince of Wales on receiving the award. Affectionately known as "Paddy Bogside" or "King of the Bog", Paddy Doherty, aged 60, smiled at the thought before adding "I had no problem. My line is as long as his line. The O'Dohertys were the last family who with a chieftain at their head fought the British".

He has first-hand knowledge of the effects of the troubles but has refused to be beaten by them. Early on he was prominent in the Republican Bogside, organizing a community when the area was a no-go district. One son is in prison, convicted on the word of an informer of membership of an illegal paramilitary organization; and last year a son-in-law



was shot dead by the Provisional IRA for being an alleged informer. "It's very painful," he says.

Outside his office there is the ever present hum of activity. In one room young men and women operate machines to do the trust's accounts; by the door a fair-haired youth acts as security man; and another jokes with three friends as he hammers away a doorframe. Stephen Friel, a 24-year-old married man with a child of 16 months, has worked as a carpenter on the project for seven months after one and a half years on the dole. "Anything is better than lying around," he says. "At the start nobody wanted to come on this job but now the whole town is looking to get in."

In the yard below two men mix cement and lay a kerb while two more clamber up scaffolding to fix a window in a building being renovated. Alfie Johnston, aged 20, is another who joined the project immediately he left school with



no qualifications and little prospect of a job. In a community workshop he tried his hand at carpentry, plumbing and finally plastering, in which he specialized until fully trained.

He says with evident pride that he is now a qualified plasterer. "It's given me a steady job and wage. I'm pleased that we have shown that we can make it with the rest of them. If I wasn't here I would be doing nothing."

The door to Paddy's office is constantly opening with people seeking his advice and guidance and he is nothing if forthright, calling in a foreman to tell him one building must open within a matter of weeks as he has organized a celebration for visiting Americans whom he hopes to persuade to assist with cash.

A carpenter by trade and a father of 13, his visions have transformed and restored part of the city, providing work for 501 people on the Action for Community Employment Scheme for the long-term unemployed and the Youth Training Programme for younger people needing training and skills.

He learnt the lessons of local action in the early 1960s, when he set up a Credit Union as a form of community banking, and through his role in the Bogside. "I want people to take charge of their own areas, to be responsible for house repairs, looking after the elderly, and their own environment. If governments trusted us more we could do it."

Almost 10 years ago he began using unemployed youth to restore derelict buildings. His theory: "People only grow through the willing acceptance of responsibility. That is the centrepiece of our philosophy. Shift responsibility on to ordinary people. I think the Prince is very much into that."

Success in restoring a disused school (about to become an art centre) tempted Paddy to be more ambitious and on a walk around the city he earmarked

bombed-out buildings and others abandoned and decaying for his work. An initial fund-raising exercise got £37,000 to purchase two buildings and a typical mixture of cajoling, pleading and grants from the local council to government departments has brought expansion at an unprecedented speed. Banks parted with £250,000 and a branch of the World Council for Churches gave £152,000 after being persuaded that the city deserved support because it was really a Third World area.

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Paddy Doherty

The trust has an annual turnover of £2m; eight buildings have been restored; three are being worked on, including one restored and then damaged in a Provisional IRA bomb attack; and a further 11 are on the drawing board.

In Londonderry the restored buildings hint to the activity of young people being trained in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, computers, jewellery-making and graphics. Others restored by youngsters learning their skills as they go have been leased to government departments, and three have been rented as shops in the city centre. One of the great successes was an art exhibition by six "tough kids" who had been taught art for five months.

In a city as divided as Londonderry the overwhelming majority involved in the project are nationalists. Many Protestants privately admire the quality of the work, but would be uneasy working in the predominantly nationalist city centre; others are suspicious of involvement with something that has a Republican as its motivating force.

Paddy says: "If Northern Ireland is to achieve anything it will be through the two traditions coming together. But don't make me out as some kind of patsy trying to bring both communities together. My job is to create the space where it can happen. Naturally, if at all. At the moment we're showing the world and leading the way with community action which is doing something for the morale of everyone."

## The serious business of 87th Police Precinct, Isola

Last month *Newsweek* magazine voted Ed McBain's *Ice* one of the 10 best crime novels of the century. He was one of only two living writers on the list. The choice of that novel as his finest would probably not be shared by most critics; but his place among the greats of the genre would not be questioned.

Just as Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler dominated the fictional world of the private eye, so McBain for the past 30 years has been the master of the novel in which police procedure plays the central part. Television series like *Hill Street Blues* are direct descendants, though mention of that series annoys McBain. He is careful not to say that he believes it to be a direct crib, but he speaks of it with heavy irony as "borrowing" his ideas.

Like Sherlock Holmes's Baker Street, McBain's 87th Police Precinct in the fictional city of Isola has assumed a cosy familiarity with millions of readers in countless coun-

tries. Over 39 novels and hundreds of passing police characters, Detective Steve Carella has emerged as the most important and sympathetic single figure. "I actually killed Carella in my third book, but my agent and publisher complained. I had to take the manuscript back and resurrect him", McBain recalls.

Ed McBain is a pseudonym of novelist Evan Hunter. Between the two of them they have written more than 60 books, and Hunter donbles as a screen writer (Hitchcock's *The Birds* is among his credits). McBain has also published five prime novels featuring Florida attorney Matthew Hope, and his latest work, *Another Part of the City*, published tomorrow (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95) introduces New York's Fifth Precinct.

McBain likes and admires cops. "They are underpaid, overworked and do a job that's enormously stressful, under a great deal of psychological



pressure. They deal with a side of society with which the average citizen would not want to come into contact, and they do it 24 hours a day.

"They become policemen because of a high sense of idealism. Some drop out or become over-cynical or even dishonest. But I'm convinced that most of them want to be the good guys getting the bad guys."

Occasionally McBain's fictional cops are a little too

pleasant and sympathetic to be totally convincing. But what is clearly what his public wants. "What appeals to my readers is the humanity of the cops. They are less concerned with who solves the crime and who did it than with human things like whether the detective is ever going to find happiness with his girl. They want to be sure that Carella is never going to cheat on his wife. Once when in the course of duty Carella had to kiss another woman I received the McBain pseudonym. "The crime writer was not held in high regard when I started writing, and as I had achieved some success as a "serious" writer on social themes with *The Blackboard Jungle*, I took on McBain for my 87th Precinct books. But I don't regard my McBain as less serious than my Evan Hunter."

*The Blackboard Jungle*, his first best-seller, was an angry indictment of the New York schools system, provoked by a few months teaching which he did (and hated) while waiting for his break as a writer.

McBain claims that he's a happy man. "I'm doing exactly what I want to do. I enjoy writing enormously and I've never let myself get stale. I've got a happy marriage (his second) and three sons by his first of whom I'm proud. I've got two lovely homes in Connecticut and Florida. And when I need some sunshine I can always come to England. What more can a guy want?"

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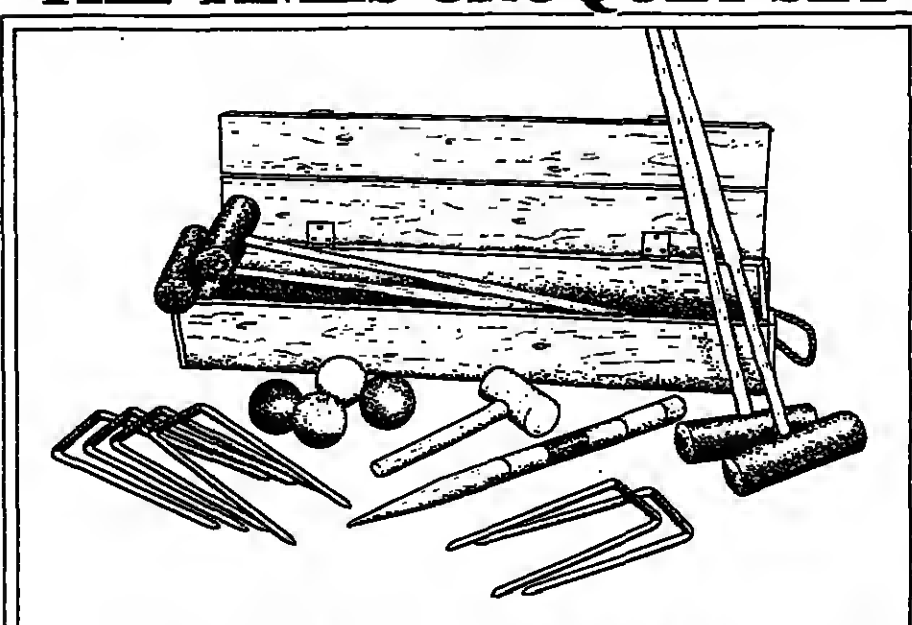
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Frank Atkinson was nine when he found the fossil of a tiny shell near his home in Barnsley. That discovery was enough to start him on a lifetime of collecting. The items he has amassed since have grown somewhat, both in size and scope — at one time his collection was so vast it filled the entire headquarters and parade ground of the former Durham Light Infantry while awaiting a permanent home.

Now it forms the basis of the 264-acre Beamish open air museum in County Durham, whose farm, mine and working trams and steam trains recreate an authentic slice of the North-east's past. The buildings alone are valued at £7 million and their contents at several millions more.

The award to Beamish as the 1986 National Heritage Museum of the Year is testimony to the vision of Frank Atkinson, the museum's director. Now aged 62, and still a self-confessed inveterate collector, he first conceived the idea of an open-air museum for this country while visiting a similar project in Scandinavia in 1952. He first put the suggestion to local councillors in 1958.

Another 12 years of political wrangling and financial uncertainty passed, however, before work finally began on converting the former regional coal board headquarters at Beamish.

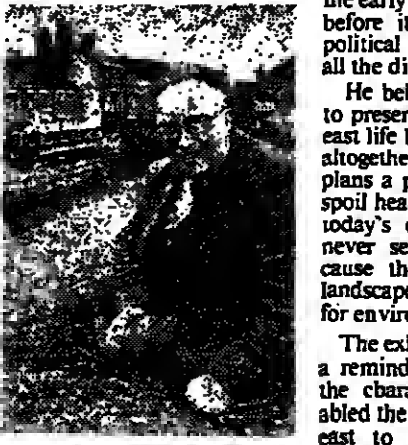
The museum's success is now evident. It employs 200 staff, attracts 250,000 visitors a year and generates enough income to meet two thirds of its annual £1½ million expenditure. The rest comes from nine local councils.

The museum includes a Victorian farm, an old drift mine, miners' cottages, working trams and its own railway station and steam locomotives. But the latest and perhaps most popular development is the re-creation of a town street from the 1920s.

The six Georgian terrace

## Slice of life at Beamish

Award for the man who recreated the North-east's past



Frank Atkinson: 'I had to be pig-headed'

houses were demolished on a site in Gateshead and rebuilt at Beamish brick by brick, as was the old Sun Inn, transported from Bishop Auckland, and the former Co-operative store from the pit-village of Annfield Plain, near Consett.

The street, its house interiors and packed shelves at the Co-op, all uncannily accurate in detail, daily revive memories for the elderly visitors and fascinate today's children, who live in more complicated times.

Work on Beamish is not yet complete, with a £1 million project under way to provide parking facilities for 1,000 cars and a new visitors' centre being constructed from an 18th-century stable block.

Mr Atkinson lives in the village of Ovingham, 30 minutes' drive away, in a

former vicarage that dates back in parts to the 14th century. What does the award mean to him?

"It may sound clichéd, but it is the satisfying climax to a lifetime's work. It is immensely satisfying to stand on the high ground at Beamish, see the locomotives in steam, the trams moving along the town street and thousands of people enjoying themselves.

"I am a Yorkshireman by birth and I had to be pig-headed to achieve all this. In the early days it almost folded before it started because of political differences between all the different councils."

He believes it is important to preserve aspects of North-east life before they disappear altogether. For instance, he plans a purpose-built colliery spoil heap on the site because today's children have often never seen one, simply because the heaps have been landscaped and grassed over for environmental reasons.

The exhibits at Beamish are a reminder of the spirit and the character that have enabled the people of the North-east to endure hard times economically and still come through as a community.

The museum is not just about preserving buildings and machinery, however. When Mr Atkinson heard that a famous breed of local cattle, the Durham Short Horn, was in danger of dying out, he set about creating his own herd at Beamish, not to become a rare breed centre but because the cattle were as much an element of the region's history as the coal-mines and the engineering works are.

As part of the award Mr Atkinson receives £2,000 as museum director to spend as he wishes. In the scale of things at Beamish it is but a small amount. He intends to put it towards the cost of publishing a book on the museum's large collection of quilts.

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To love, honour — and share

An increasing number of couples are willing to share the household chores, but as Alison Miller discovers, equality is nowhere near as widespread as many would have us believe

Some people say that you can tell as much about a marriage by who does what as by anything either partner says. Domestic labour is part of the lottery of married life and a means by which many feelings are expressed.

The most recent figures from a 1981 survey by Market & Opinion Research International (MORI) on the division of domestic labour suggest that women are not exploiting a greater willingness among men to share the chores, and that it is not until retirement that any real measure of equality emerges.

It is a fact demonstrated in the 1986 edition of Social Trends, produced by the Central Statistical Office and published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Eleven per cent more women do the washing and ironing than need to; 16 per cent could have help with cooking the evening meal and 19 per cent with the shopping.

Of married couples polled, 64 per cent say washing-up should be shared in the evening, 62 per cent are for sharing the shopping, and 58 per cent would like to share the organization of household money and bills.

Eighty-three per cent say that repairs of household equipment are carried out by men — and 79 per cent that they should be. Eighty-eight per cent of married women still do all the washing and ironing, 77 per cent cook the evening meal and 72 per cent do all the cleaning.

The report says that "for each household task, the proportion of couples where the task is undertaken mainly by the woman is always higher than the people concerned think it should be... one aspect not obvious from the table is the tendency for married men to overstate the extent to which they shared the housework."

A hundred years ago, division of labour in the home was a question of whether the wife was mistress of the house or a housewife. The functions of the mistress, Mrs Becton wrote, "resemble those of the general of an army or the manager of a great business concern."

The term housewife "seems more fittingly applied to those who personally conduct their domestic affairs than to others who go off with the assistance of a large staff of well-trained servants." Now the question is not so much which type of housekeeper you are, but what kind of relationship is shown by who does what. The Times decided to contrast two generations of married couples in one family and then looked at how their attitudes compared with the findings of the pollsters.

Bruce Aitken, aged 58, is the son of a former RAF officer. Educated at Sherborne, he won an exhibition to Cambridge where, he says, "unfortunately I met a girl at Girton and we got on all right". The girl, Anna, the daughter of a suffragette, was reading moral philosophy. She is now Bruce's wife.

She says: "My mother was so insistent about brother and sister being equal that I had a fearfully expensive education — I got married at 24 and had four children by the time I was 32. It wasn't until I was 45 that I started getting a conscience and felt I had to do something about it."



Robert and Kathy Aitken: separate careers but joint responsibility at home

'He doesn't do the Hoovering or clean the bath, but he'll iron his shirt and we'll go to the launderette together'



Bruce and Anna Aitken: a case of the breadwinner male and the domestic wife

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Anna — "born of the British Raj" — settled into the expatriate life of gin-and-pink, house servants and local ayahs to look after the children. "I never did a thing, and I have never washed a floor." When their eldest child was eight the family moved back to England so that they could get on with schooling. Bruce went into industry, winding up at the Department of Economic Affairs for four years.

"The thing gradually folded", he says, "but fortunately I knew a stockbroker. It was 1971. At that time you were paid a very small salary and a huge bonus, which was all very well, but in 1974, when the market collapsed, I had four children to keep on £3,000 a year and no bonus."

began. I'm probably earning a lot less now than he is and doing more work than he's ever done, but it doesn't worry me. The partners I have known for 20 years are now knocking at my door saying, 'What's Robert doing? Can we ask him round to lunch?' and all this sort of rubbish."

Today the couple live in a village near Dartford, Kent, with Anna's elderly father in a house at the end of the garden. She has trained as a nurse and works part-time in an ophthalmic ward at St Mary's Hospital, Sidcup.

Their day starts with Anna's alarm going off at 5.15am. "I get up, feed my quails, my doves, have a bath and finally wake up Bruce. I push him off to work — we have two cars so he takes his. I've never made breakfast for anyone in my life. Bruce has coffee from his tea-making machine. I've always believed in everyone looking after themselves."

Bruce does nothing round the house except Hoovering — he doesn't iron, he doesn't wash and he certainly can't cook. I just couldn't do without Doris, our daily. She cleans the silver, does the windows, and the Hoovering when Bruce's not there. She makes the beds with me and she cleans up the dog's mess.

"Bruce can't clean the bath and never hangs anything out. He doesn't feed the quails. Doris and I spend our time picking things up after him. When he's having a male bridge four, I do all their sandwiches before I go off to work and this is where it is so unfair — having to put his beer out. But when I give barbecue parties for the staff on top of Bruce, Bruce is wonderful and everyone adores him, so it does balance out. The truth is I'd collapse completely without Doris."

Bruce says: "The first thing we bought when we came back from Malaya wasn't a bed but a dishwasher. A lot of people in this country

would never think that was the main priority, but it was and we've had one ever since. I do all the loading and unloading and filling it with powder — in other words I do all the washing-up. I can make boiled eggs and poached eggs. I do all the heavy stuff — things where she says 'I'll leave that to you'."

"I do all the gardening, not only for me but for her father who lives next door. I've had to build her five ponds, and what does she do but buy 100 fish which have been breakfast for the heron. I walk the dogs. And I'll lay the table for a dinner party, clear away, do the coffee — and all the washing-up."

Robert Aitken, their second child, is 30 and riding the "big bang" in the City. He lives with Kathy, whom he married eight months ago, in a basement flat in Fimlico. Educated at Tonbridge, Kent, Robert did his foundation course in accountancy at the City of London Polytechnic before training at Touche Ross, where he met Kathy, who had read agricultural botany at Reading.

After secondment to a firm of stockbrokers, he joined Henderson Crosthwaite. "After 18 months they asked me to stay and last year I became a partner. Now we're being taken over by Guinness Mahon, the merchant bankers. In the old days, having become a partner, you would have been the end of the story. Now we're going into a corporate structure and heaven knows where it will end up. Ultimately, the ambitious ones will aim for chairmanship of the whole Guinness Peat Group."

Kathy, 28, who did accountancy after her botany, is a treasury analyst at a firm of market researchers in the pharmaceutical industry. They sleep with separate alarm clocks. Robert says: "I get up early to join a partner on the drive to work. Kathy gets up later and takes the Tube. We don't have breakfast but quite often we'll ring each other in the day to see who is getting the food. We share the cooking — she'll do two meals and I'll do two. We wash up together next day."

Kathy says: "Usually we eat out or have a take-away. Sometimes I'll shop late round the corner on the way home. We have two cars but neither of us uses them in the week. Since we married, money hasn't been tight. Robert pays our joint mortgage. I plan holidays and do anything mundane. He'll ring me up at work and get me to see that the central heating is fixed. He doesn't do the Hoovering, or clean the bath out, but he'll iron his shirt and we'll go to the launderette together." They don't have a joint bank account and they share the domestic bills.

Although the lifestyles in two generations of the same family are different, all are agreed that it should be the woman who looks after the children when they are sick, and that family discipline should be shared equally, as should gardening and paying the bills.

Where Bruce and Anna agree that washing, ironing, cleaning and shopping should be done by Anna, the younger Aitkens say they should be shared equally, as should household repairs, which the parents say is Bruce's job.

Anna believes that the evening meal should be her responsibility and so, too, should domestic finance. Her husband, son and daughter-in-law all say they should be shared. Only Kathy says that she should do the cleaning.

All of which tends to suggest that young couples without children are disposed to help each other in many ways — and that older working couples find it easier to hold on to old habits than to let them go. The vast majority of all people polled by MORI and the Central Statistical Office are still stuck with stereotype marriages — and presumably with children — where the man is the main breadwinner and the wife looks after the home.

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Killing off pride and perfection

FIRST PERSON

Libby Purves

I feel a bit like Jonah, casting doom and shipwreck on maternity homes. Every time I have a baby they seem to close the hospital down. The first time was in London, in 1982: I gave birth at a splendid little institution called the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, in Woolwich.

It was quite famous, in its day; for 77 years midwives trained there and moved on to hospitals all over the country and the world, notably to the Missions. I have yet to meet any group of middle-aged midwives among whom the name of the good old British did not raise an affectionate smile.

It was, admittedly, a worn and battered sort of place after the birth I was humbled into a wheelchair, baby in arms, and covered in a mackintosh to be pushed across an open drive to the post-natal "House of the Star". Primitive, they say, opologically; hot the midwife and the porter who took us on that dawn ride through the rain were infinitely solicitous of me and my new son, and a glimpse of the worn, flowery little chapel as we bowed past it was worth any amount of new paint and designer-tiling in a modern hospital.

We mothers loved the British, we wrote our babies' names in its ancient Birthday Book and paid our subscriptions with pride; we were grateful for its smallness and intimacy and for the sense of seven decades' dedication to maternity.

But they closed the British all the same. Statistics, slide-rule predictions and centralist theories converged upon it, and since July 1984 there have been no babies in the wards and no flowers in the chapel.

And then I had a baby here, in Suffolk. She was born in the amiable but hurried atmosphere of the huge maternity block in Ipswich, and moved after a day to a delightful place called the Phyllis Memorial Maternity Home. It serves the long, straggling coastal strip, enabling post-natal mothers to be visited more easily by their families in this rural area.

Infinitely reassuring old-fashioned nursing

It was founded in 1929 by a wealthy family in memory of a daughter who died in childbirth. The NHS took it over, and has run it for half a century as a superb maternity home, doing fewer and fewer deliveries but concentrating on the vital and underrated work of getting new mothers happy and fit to go home after their week's rest.

At the Phyllis, as at the old British, mothers and babies are never rushed or forced into routines, never have to be ignored in favour of acute cases at the other end of the block: they are glowingly important, cared for and remembered long afterwards by the staff.

They come back and run fetes, and club together to buy new chairs for the rest room. I used to walk out into the small rose-garden in my nightdress, still dazed from shortage of sleep, and find solace in the early blooms growing on the rose-tree which commemorated Sister

Peck's 25 years in the hospital. Sister Peck herself would be indoors, whisking around, creating comfort and security. There are several long-service records at the Phyllis; girl babies who were first breast-fed under careful guidance from a young midwife now turn up with their own babies to learn the same lesson. Infinitely reassuring old-fashioned nursing is given day and night; relaxed, watchful, utterly dedicated. And small-scale.

So, naturally, the Phyllis is now for the chop. Any day now we expect the health authority to dismiss the protests and name the last day. Rural GPs plead that their patients need to be closer to home than Ipswich; mothers point out that nobody has ever produced statistics on the further progress of Phyllis families — it could well be that they have fewer problems, and end up costing the NHS less in tranquillizers and GP visits. Nobody bothers to tot up the cost-saving of breast-fed babies' healthier infancies, either.



But the argument rarely used, because it would not even be understood by government departments, is that such places have souls. And that once you kill off a beloved old community-based institution, you will never get it back: generations of loyalty and dedication and patient perfectionism will be dissipated and wasted. Ironically, so will the spirit of economy and careful use of resources that goes with high morale and traditional values.

It seems odd, sometimes, that a Government which preaches excellence and good housekeeping and hard work, should not be able to see when the embodiment of all these virtues is staring it right in the face. They should be sending study groups in to find out why these places are so good; not closing them down.

We all have our car stickers saying "Fight for the Phyllis"; but we don't have much hope. Not really. Centralization, rationalization, a health service that looks wonderful on paper, is what we are going to get. We have seen it where business administrators have replaced awesome matrons; we see it when huge hospitals replace local ones. The people in the system will go on doing their best, as individuals; but unsupported by the intangible strengths of atmosphere and tradition of institutional people. O brave new world.

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Rattled by rail If they were ever to ask me to do Body Language at O-level, I used to think I'd stand a pretty good chance. All that business about how to take up position at a drinks party and observe who's actually yawning bored with whom, who's frightened of whom, and who likes whom. I'm even pretty good at spotting shoplifters in our local supermarket. Now and again you can see someone whose body movements are out of synchronization with the rest of the hypnotized shufflers. Jerky little gestures, furtive eye shifting, and (a dead giveaway, this one) slowly moving backwards out of the in-door with laden trolley. A long train journey is an excellent time for doing body language revision. Even if you can't stare at people directly, you can always observe them reflected in the window. I was standing at Crews station the other day with several million other people, waiting for the slow stopping train from Dundee to Poole. We surged forward when the train halted. Too many bored faces gazed out: wonderful body language material, but hopeless for finding a decent spare seat. A quick sprint down the aisle and I couldn't believe it — a forward-facing window seat spare. And the next seat to it. Throwing myself in I rapidly established territorial rights with the punk youth opposite. The train drew away and we were soon among the restful scenery of green fields. But it was not restful for long. Down the corridor strode a fellow in his late 30s, well dressed, with purposeful bearing. There were still several aisle seats vacant, yet without a second's hesitation, he banged himself down next to me. The jolt startled both me and the punk. The newcomer proved to be a most disturbing fellow traveller. There was no armrest between us and I couldn't believe how insensitive the man could be. The man sat too large and too close for comfort. Was he a common trailing woman traveller on their own? Would he wait until I got off at Didcot and follow me through the fields to Wantage? There was no denying that he was radiating a set of very strong emotions. At Oxford he suddenly stood up. Reaching over my head to the luggage rack he pulled down a mackintosh, umbrella and briefcase. His mackintosh, umbrella and briefcase. For 120-odd miles I had been too busy misinterpreting his body signals to notice that I was sitting in his seat. Ah, but where was he when I boarded at Crews? Could such a restrained individual have been performing that most irregular of acts while the train was standing at the station? Vivien Tomlinson © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1986

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### Carlisle's crusade

As undaunted as he is outspoken, Tory MP John Carlisle will make another attempt in November to address Oxford university students on a matter close to his heart - freedom of speech. Earlier this year he was prevented from speaking at Oriel College by students who did not share his views on the maintenance of trade and sporting links with South Africa. It will be interesting to observe how he fares next time round, as the Education Bill now going through Parliament should be enacted by the end of the present parliamentary session in October. If Tory backbenchers have their way, the new legislation will reinforce the rights of MPs to visit campuses on speaking engagements, and emphasize the duties of vice-chancellors to strengthen security on such occasions.

### Renumbered

When Brighton's Grand Hotel reopens for business in August, the room in which the IRA bomb exploded during the 1984 Tory conference will be deemed not to exist. After spending some £12 million on rebuilding the dozen or so destroyed rooms and refurbishing the rest of the building, Room 629 has been renumbered. The hotel says this is because the structure of the building has changed so that there are now fewer rooms. Perhaps management just fears guests would be superstitious about sleeping in a room with such tragic associations? Incidentally, the suite Mrs Thatcher stayed in has now been named the "Presidential Suite". Surely "Premier" would have more appropriate?

### Last post

I can safely predict that the Tories will be unseated at the coming by-election in the Sudell ward of Sefton District Council, Merseyside. Indeed, they won't even be taking part. The Conservative nomination papers were among the two million letters held up during the recent postal strike, consequently missing the closing date for registration. Labour and the SDP cannily made their deliveries by hand. Does this make them strike-breakers?

Overheard in the public gallery of the Commons yesterday - an American tourist asking one of the ushers: "Can you please tell me where Bob Geldof sits?"

### Treasure hunt

Genealogist Hugh Peskett is being besieged by letters and calls from people claiming to be the rightful heir to Texas oilman Pelham Humphries' £1.3 billion oil fortune. Some correspondents, however, not knowing Peskett's name, merely address their envelopes: "The Genealogist, Winchester, Hampshire". They get there in the end, I am told, but not before the post office has dutifully delivered them to the nearest hospital.

### Labelled

Male guests perspiring in the heat at the Think British Awards ceremony at the Waldorf yesterday were firmly told by director Margaret Charrington that they could remove their jackets only if they were British-made. Fifty, about half, sat shame-faced and sweltering.

### Ad Libby

Debating the Education Bill the other day, Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, attempted an allusion to the Federation of Conservative Students' notorious handbook on how to disrupt student union conferences. The book is called, in homage to Watergate, *The Gordon Liddy Guide*. According to Hansard, Fatchett refers to "the guide produced by Gordon Libby, another member of the Federation..."

### Honest toil

Yesterday I referred to the diligence of the cleaning ladies in the House of Commons. Well, they have been at it again, but this time with a laudable measure of discretion. One evening recently, in the office of Hansard's assistant editor Peter Walker (unrelated to his namesake), they tidied away an oil pump from his motor bike, but laid not a finger on a half-drunk bottle of champagne. I applauded their values.

### Hippy kipper

Students at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, have invited the displaced hippy convoy to stay, indeed, such is the generosity of youth that in the junior common room debate the original motion from the left-wing caucus, which would have allowed the hippies to pitch their tents in the quad, was amended so that students would vacate their own rooms if necessary. The over-riding issue in favour of the college's new-found desire for sexual equality (it began admitting men only in 1978) by asking the convoy to ensure an equal number of men and women. Duncan Stewart, the college principal, assures me he is not "shaking in his shoes". But student president Philip Hollobone admits he is slightly concerned that what was intended as a jape could backfire and tarnish the university's image. What still further?

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# Jobs: no need for gloom

Patrick Minford takes issue with a survey on employment trends for failing to pay sufficient attention to market forces

Frustrated by their ignorance of employment trends, the Occupational Study Group, a group of industrialists led by Sir Austin Bide, has just brought out a survey of what the labour market could look like in 1990.

The authors, Amin Rajman and Richard Pearson, have gone about their task thoroughly, polling and interviewing employers of more than half the nation's workforce, and producing a picture of change, both in total and in structure.

The result for the total is depressing: it will fall by about 125,000. As for structure, employment in service industries will expand, in manufacturing and agriculture will contract. Among occupations, opportunities for the professions, part-time service support staff and production technologies will expand, while those for managers, operatives, specialized production craftsmen and full-time service staff will contract.

The survey is on its strongest ground in its assessment of changing structures. Much of this change is by now a matter of both common observation and common sense. Changing technology is creating a need for versatile people who can work with computers - a need that cannot be filled by automation. The expansion of services requires flexible and cheap part-time labour. Unskilled labour is in decline, as is labour with specialized skills made valuable by new technology. The weaknesses of the survey lie in its neglect of the price mechanism and its lack of any overall forecast

for the economy. The employers interviewed were told: "Assume 2 to 3 per cent growth in the economy", but were told nothing about wages and prices. Yet, for example, the trend towards part-time female labour owes a lot to its cheapness relative to full-time male labour. And as for the overall economy, 2 to 3 per cent growth is simply an *ad hoc* figure, but it is crucial to the assessment of the overall employment trend.

In effect, what we have is an extrapolation of current trends. The trouble is that there is a serious downward bias of the total trend while employment is currently growing by about 275,000 a year. Employment will have to fall by 400,000, not 125,000, for the survey to be right.

How much, then, do we learn about the overall employment prospects? Nothing much at all. The forecasts of employers are no more valuable than the assumptions on which they make them. Employers are notoriously bad at thinking about hypothetical changes in prices or the state of the economy.

It is clear that we have, in any forecast based on current policies, a problem of employment trends, even if employment continues to grow at 250,000 a year, unemployment will fall only very slowly and long-term unemployment among unskilled workers will probably

rise. The survey shows that employers share this generally gloomy vision, not surprisingly considering the assumptions they have been fed.

The interesting questions, though, are why these trends exist, and what policy changes could improve them. The survey virtuously but vacuously abstains from direct comment, proclaiming itself only as fact-finding. My own views are that the labour market, and the related housing market, have been ossified by government intervention. Wages of unskilled workers, which badly need to fall as some 80 per cent of the unemployed are such people, do not and cannot fall because social benefits are paid for unemployment instead of for (low paid) employment.

In addition, because of the Rent Act, such workers have no incentive to move from areas of high unemployment to more prosperous areas. Important improvements have been made (for example, trades union reform and the restructuring of national insurance contributions) but the problems manifestly remain. But there is still time to make important and rapid improvements. The future need to be as gloomy as the survey seems to suggest.

If this or any future government could be convinced of the need to deregulate the labour and housing

markets, the trend would alter, possibly quite rapidly. Unskilled workers would become employed in lower-paid jobs; they would also retrain in much larger numbers because the incentive would be greater; they would migrate from north to south; and there would be higher growth as they were reabsorbed into the productive economy.

A last point: do I detect in the survey the old demand for a "national effort" to train more engineers and others in "desirable" skills? I hope not. Governments that have gone in for this sort of manpower planning have fallen flat on their faces as trends unexpectedly changed. As an example is that of engineers, themselves where the contraction of manufacturing has substantially reduced demand for their skills.

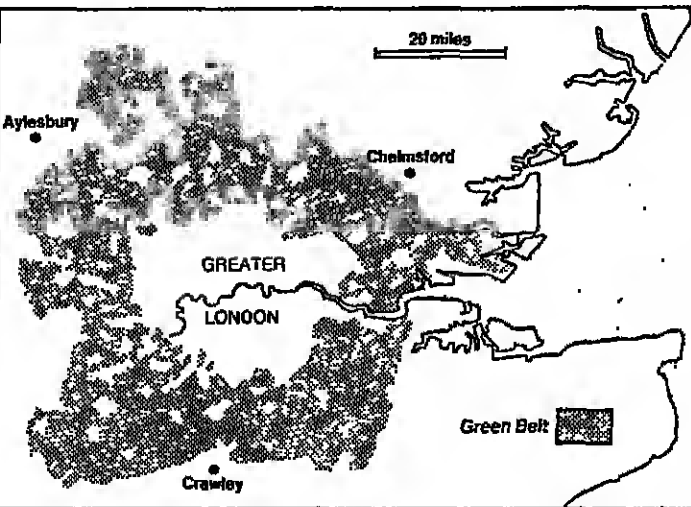
Let these decisions be taken by independent private companies and educational institutions. They have better information than the government because of their grassroots position; they can respond faster and more flexibly; and if they get it wrong, they can withdraw quickly, unprotected by a political process.

In sum, I fear that hidden beneath the plausible guise of impartial fact-finding worn by this survey there lurks the old Adam of planning and price-less economics. Our past mistakes should lead us to prefer Adam Smith - and a return to a properly functioning marketplace.

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### David Hall urges a comprehensive strategy for new housing and development

# Reconciling green belt and greenfield



latent demand for houses of people now living in high-density flats that they do not like, and add the demand from the general increase in households and people wanting to move from older property, you have a total demand that cannot be met in the existing conurbations, even if some of the derelict land is built on. In the words of Sir Ebenezer Howard, founding father of the garden city movement and modern inventor of green belts, "Where will the people go?"

The trouble with the second option is that further development of existing towns and villages beyond the green belt recreates on a smaller scale the same problem that the green belt is designed to solve - the conurbation itself.

Throughout the 1960s and '70s scores of market towns had large-scale built estates tacked on to their edges. This often meant a supermarket where the old moot hall used to be, a multi-storey car park on the allotments, and a town centre by-pass through the old

churchyard. Most of the small and medium-sized towns within commuter distance of our major cities have already had more peripheral development than is good for them and the structure plans of the country planning authorities provide for even more.

The third option, of building on free-standing greenfield sites, is of course the new towns option. Almost 2.5 million people now live in them and they are a classic example of public sector investment stimulating private sector industry of all kinds. But we no longer have a new towns programme. The government has wound up all but a handful of the new town development corporations, an act of folly given their wide-ranging ability to create jobs and provide homes. The new towns have never been a threat to the inner city areas. Only about 10 per cent of the outward movement of population from our big cities in the last 30 years has gone to the new towns and most of their industry has either been expan-

sion of existing firms, companies coming in from abroad, or brand new businesses flourishing from small beginnings.

In the absence of any government initiatives of this kind it is the private sector that is having to respond, especially in the South East, where there has been a rash of applications for small private sector new towns. The latest is at Tillingham Hall, between Basildon and Upminster in Essex, which is now the subject of a public inquiry. This scheme is intended by the developers, Consettium Developments Ltd (CDL), to be the first in a series of small country towns around Greater London.

But all these schemes will add only a maximum of 40,000 houses, whereas even the lowest official estimates show that 400,000 will be needed in the South East outside Greater London in the year 2000. That does not take into account the effects of the Channel Tunnel and the expansion of Stansted airport.

For one reason or another all three options have their drawbacks and their advantages. The important question, therefore, is not which option should be adopted but how much of each option, and in what way, and how we can find out the right mix for each. This brings us back to regional planning. Yes, our inner city areas must be regenerated, and this requires more political will and money than we have seen so far. Yes, we must accept that more development should go to existing towns beyond green belts. And, yes, we shall need to build some new settlements on greenfield sites.

There are no easy answers. Every region in England and Wales (they do things better in Scotland) is long overdue for an up-to-date, well researched planning strategy of the kind produced for the South East in 1970 (which has been progressively diluted ever since) and the North West in 1974. A review of green belts should be a part of those strategies and no Tillingham Hall schemes or any other changes in green belt allocations should be contemplated until those strategies are prepared and approved. Until they are, the name of the game will be ad hocery and every developer with an option to buy green belt land will claim that his bit should be developed as a special case.

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# The Achille Lauro sails into court

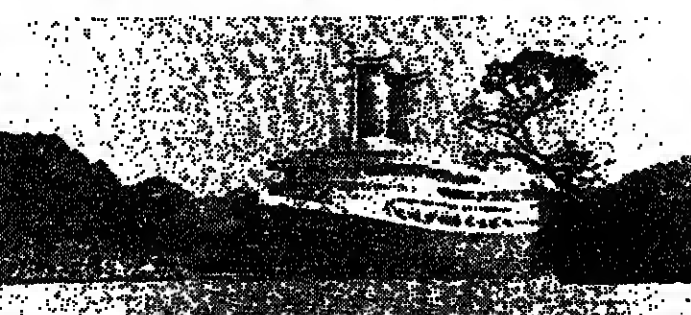
Rome Today sees the start of the trial, in Genoa, of the men accused of hijacking the Achille Lauro cruise liner last October.

The hijack was one of a series of events which annulled Italian efforts to find a basis for negotiation on the Palestinian problem. It was preceded by the Israeli bombing of the PLO headquarters in Tunisia and followed by the American bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi.

Leon Klinghoffer, a crippled American Jewish passenger who was murdered during the hijack, became, in transatlantic opinion, the archetypal American victim, caught between Arab terrorism and the European predilection for compromise. One result of the hijacking was the greatest crisis of understanding for many years between the US and Europe, particularly Italy.

The Genoa trial is unlikely to produce any great surprises. The Italian judicial inquiry into the hijacking covered the ground in detail and, on the whole, convincingly. The 115-page report calls for 14 men to stand trial, of whom three are in custody and a fourth is free but due to appear at the hearings. A fifth was found to be aged only 17 at the time of the hijacking; he is to be tried by a juvenile court.

The principal accused is Abu Abbas, the Syrian-born head of the Palestinian Liberation Front. He will be tried in his absence because the Italian authorities freed him immediately after the hijack. At



Achille Lauro: the cruise that ended in crisis

that time it was felt that there was insufficient evidence to arrest him, despite US insistence that he be held pending extradition.

The Italian report - which identifies him with 24 aliases as well as his own name - charges him not only with planning the hijack but with controlling it throughout, up to and including the final decision that caused the hijackers to surrender to the Egyptian authorities.

The hijack began in the early afternoon of October 7, and ended more than 48 hours later. While the ship was in the hands of the Syrian hijackers, it headed for the Syrian port of Tartus, was refused permission to enter, then returned to Egypt, where the hijackers surrendered. In the period of confusion following Syria's rejection of the ship, Klinghoffer was murdered and his body thrown into the sea.

One member of the crew was injured and all the passengers were subjected to threats and extreme

discomfort. There are indications that the hijackers took drugs. The judicial inquiry arrived at the conclusion that the hijackers' motivation was political. It said the object was to take the Achille Lauro to Syria and there exchange the passengers for 50 Palestinians held by the Israelis. This would have proved to the world that the militant methods of Abu Abbas were more effective than the moderation of Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, of which the Front was theoretically a part. At that time Italian diplomacy, backed by the EEC, was trying to put together an understanding between King Hussein of Jordan and Arafat on who would represent Palestinian interests at talks with Israel.

The Israeli attack on the PLO headquarters in Tunisia had already damaged this idea and the Achille Lauro hijack sealed the fate of a diplomatic move which never showed much likelihood of success. Nevertheless, and ironi-

cally, it worked during the hijack itself because Italian contacts with Syria are seen to have closed Tartus to the hijackers and, at the end, Italian promptings persuaded Arafat to make a contribution to the decision to surrender.

Abu Abbas says there was no intention of hijacking the ship. The four men were going to the Israeli port of Ashdod - on the Achille Lauro itinerary - to carry out an attack. But in Egyptian waters they were discovered by a member of the crew as they checked their arms and had to take over the ship or risk arrest.

The sting in the tail came after the surrender. The four hijackers, Abu Abbas and a sixth man were put on an Egyptian civil aircraft to be flown to Tunisia. The aircraft was intercepted by American fighters and forced to land at the Nato base at Sigonella in Sicily. Documents attached to the report provide a graphic account of how American officers at the base showed every intention of taking over the group so that they could be tried in American courts. They were stopped by a show of strength by the Italian carabinieri. One minor mystery dealt with in an intelligence document annexed to the report is how the Americans knew the route of the Egyptian aircraft. The answer, according to this document, "can be only one", and the person indicated is Field Marshal Abu Ghazal, the Egyptian defence minister. The allegation has been denied in Cairo.

Peter Nichols

Ian Bradley

# Morals making the man

Is the government's determination to have morality taught in schools compatible with the maintenance of a free society, let alone feasible in the pluralistic and multi-cultural atmosphere of Britain in the 1980s?

The last-minute amendment to the Education Bill, prescribing that teachers responsible for sex education classes should "encourage pupils to have due regard to moral considerations and the value of family life", has been widely criticized by liberals as a reactionary move against a more tolerant society dating from the "permissive" Sixties.

The fact is that, in many respects, the permissive society has been profoundly illiberal. Far from bringing freedom to young people, it has often made them slaves of powerful commercial interests and created a new conformity to peer group pressure just as stifling and inimical to individual expression as stern Victorian dictates. Liberty is not the same as life. Rather it is the exercise of free and independent moral choice, guided by individual conscience and reason, informed by the received wisdom of the ages and operating in a framework of order and stability which provides the conditions for its growth and ensures that one person's freedom will not be another's misery. The family can be one of the main providers of that stability, though not the only one.

So there is nothing intrinsically illiberal in the Education Bill's amendment. The progressive withdrawal of moral guidance from the young over the past 20 years or so has tended to weaken rather than strengthen their capacity for self-development and their true freedom. It has not created a more caring and tolerant society. Instead of learning the altruistic values of mutual co-operation, as was hoped, children are increasingly being brought up with a selfish, "me too" attitude - encouraged by the media and, also, by aspects of this government's policy.

Indeed, if the government really wants to improve the moral climate and strengthen family life it must show that it is not just on the side of profiteers and commercial interests. The recent attempt to legalize Sunday trading partly suggested no great regard for Christian morality or for the family lives of those who would have had to work on a day traditionally spent at home.

But limited though it is, the government's initiative should be welcomed as at least showing official awareness of a desperate social problem. We are now approaching the point where 50 per cent of all children in Britain will experience lone parent status for five years of their childhood. The divorce rate has increased 30-fold over the last 50 years and the number of teenage pregnancies is more than 100,000 a year.

The disruptions to children's lives that these figures represent is having a devastating effect on academic performance, quite apart from that to their emotions and expectations. A recent study of achievement in science subjects

found that family disturbances were 20 times more significant than any other variable in affecting results. Yet schools have hardly begun to put the subject of personal relationships and preparation for family life on the curriculum. A recent survey found that no local education authority had a policy on education for parenthood. Where the subject was taught it had low status and was largely confined to classes of low-ability girls.

There are at last signs that the subject is beginning to be taken seriously in both maintained and independent schools. A conference at Leicester University in April brought together teachers, psychologists and representatives of the Marriage Guidance Council. It was held on the initiative of Cundleshall School, which has appointed a research officer in this field in a joint venture with the Marriage Research Centre. I myself have been involved over the last year in setting up and running a pilot scheme at Cranleigh School in Surrey in which, under the title "The Way We Live", small groups of sixth formers have met every week under the guidance of teachers to discuss topics ranging from friendship and marriage to coping with illness and bereavement.

Accepting that this area is one thing, actually putting it into practice is more difficult. Many teachers are understandably reluctant to take a moral stance, or to talk about their own relationships. There may well be a strong case for bringing in outsiders who are not seen by pupils as representing authority. More use could also be made in schools of trained counsellors.

Then there is the fundamental problem of how far teaching about relationships and behaviour should be prescribed. The impetus here may well come from the young who on the whole want much clearer guidance and greater direction than their teachers - many of whom were themselves schooled in the Sixties - are often prepared to give. Inculcating a sense of respect for other people's points of view is vital, and that includes the girl who says "no" just as much as the committed feminist or the couple who choose to live together outside marriage.

And while it is right to stress the strengths and responsibilities of family life, it is very important that it is not presented as the be all and end all of existence, with those who choose not to marry or not to have children being regarded as deviant or abnormal.

The government is right in wanting to see moral considerations taught and thought about in school, but wrong in suggesting that the proper place for such teaching and discussion is in sex education classes. It would be much better to create a new core subject which encompasses the emotional and spiritual preparation that is necessary for coping with adult life. Learning to function as an independent moral being, making choices in an informed way, is a vital part of the process of developing the whole personality which lies at the heart of liberal education.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

# Honourable tea break ceremony

People who do very unusual jobs indeed (No 28: An Englishman who has opened a factory in Japan).

It is common enough to hear of Japanese companies setting up factories here in Britain, so it is all the more welcome to come across someone who has done the opposite. That is exactly what 37-year-old Brian Duggie did when, in 1984, he became general manager of MacPrestile's factory in northern Japan, where they make compact floor-tile accessories.

By so doing, MacPrestile created 600 jobs for Japanese workers. But wasn't that a strange thing to do when so many people in Britain are unemployed and so few in Japan are jobless?

"Yes", Brian admits. "On the face of it, it's quite loony. But we wanted to prove that our floor-tile operation could be extended overseas using tried and proven British methods. I think now we have proved that."

And how have the Japanese taken to British working methods?

"They were very suspicious at first. They didn't like starting the day without communal exercises, for one thing - in fact, they even got to work early to organize voluntary physical drill themselves. We had to come down pretty hard on that. I can tell you."

"Then again, they were very surprised when we turned down the one-union, no-strike agreement that they offered us. We had to insist on dealing with as many unions as we could, introducing areas of future conflict, wage differentials, and so on."

"It was a bloody hard battle. They didn't have enough unions, for a start, so we had to form one or two. And I sometimes got the impression that they were actually mentally incapable of grasping concepts like demarcation and inter-union rivalry. They just couldn't adapt to our way of thinking."

"Not especially. Again, I put it down more to our working methods. The Japanese keep telling me that they could run the factory with 60 people, so I have to tell them: 'Look, you're doing things the British way now, sunshine!' Anyway, with 60 people I doubt we could run the cricket and football teams."

The Japanese play cricket? "Oh, yes. Well, only at our factory. But our in-factory league is highly successful, as are the darts tournament, leek contest, pigeon-racing and so on. After initial resistance, our workers have taken to all this like a duck to water, and if you stroll round the plant you can see them everywhere, chatting about the coming weekend's activities as they pop behind a crate for a quick fag. Of course, they go pretty quiet as I approach, but I imagine that's what they're talking about."

Why do they go so quiet? "Because they hate me, of course. I'm management. They've got the good old US versus Them approach. Finally."

And how is the product doing in Japan?

"Not well", Brian admits. "We didn't do our initial research as well as we could have, so we didn't realize that the Japanese aren't actually interested in compact floor-tiles or their accessories, and what little they buy they get cheap from Korea. But we export a lot to Britain. Of course, it makes it expensive, but I like to think it's a typically British solution to the problem."

What do his Japanese workers think about the situation? "I've no idea. Once you start consulting your workers, you're on the slippery slope down to hell, I hate to think where. And it doesn't do to get too close to people. When we close this factory down suddenly, as we shall almost certainly have to soon, I won't have that personal wrench that real involvement would have meant. Good Lord, is that the time? I'm due on the golf course at three. Must dash."





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# THE POLICE STATE ADVANCES

When the South African Deputy Information Minister, Mr Louis Nel, was seeking an example of the kind of press bias that his government's new censorship regulations are supposedly intended to curb, he claimed that foreign journalists had not sufficiently distinguished in their reporting between blacks shot by the police and blacks killed by other blacks. Let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that this interesting criticism was just. What conclusions would flow from it?

The sceptic might observe that if censorship is being imposed to remedy such a complaint, then it will inevitably prove to be self-defeating. Once reporters are forbidden to report rioting and unrest, then they will be forbidden *ipso facto* to report the circumstances of the deaths in such rioting. In the absence of such independent information, all deaths — not merely some — will be attributed directly to police repression by a world opinion which has not found the statements of South African Ministers upon the deaths of black people at police hands to be invariably reliable.

The sceptic will finally wonder if there are not darker motives behind the Minister's argument. Perhaps the South African police wish to be able to shoot black people away from the embarrassing glare of media publicity that reporters bring in their train. Or maybe they fear that the presence of reporters would reveal something even more embarrassing to a South African police force than a few deaths of people on their way to a funeral — namely, that they are not able to suppress continual rioting even when granted emergency powers and freedom from press attention.

In short, the arguments used to justify the censorship regulations do not soothe any of the fears expressed by either journalists or the general public. They actually serve to create new anxieties. The mildest curbs could hardly be justified by such feeble argumentation — and these particular regulations are extreme in the extreme. There has been imposed a ban on all first-hand reporting of unrest or police and army activity without the prior permission

of the authorities. Without that permission, the news media are prohibited from disseminating, within or outside South Africa, any news or comment concerning any action taken by the security forces to protect the safety of the public, maintain public order or terminate the state of emergency.

Such a wide-ranging prohibition, if faithfully observed, would render all reporting from South Africa absurd. Newspapers could report cattle-shows, economic statistics, company accounts, even beauty contests — all the incidents and apparatus of normal everyday life when the world knew that a state and society was being shaken to its foundations. The eerie surreal picture created by such censored reports would be paradoxically more damaging to the Botha regime than even the reports of the riots and repression have been — for it would convey the impression that South African Ministers were living in a dream world, assiduously gagging any messenger who seemed likely to be carrying a warning.

But the South African government, as the Eminent Persons Group noticed, is fertile with rationalisations. The first is that a government — even one whose legitimacy is in doubt — has a duty to maintain order. Media coverage of riots both assures potential rioters on the spot that their protest will receive major attention and advertises future disturbances to those who might wish to attend. Pretoria is therefore acting prudently in halting this flow of dangerous information.

That might be a respectable argument if the riots could be depicted as the result of "agitation" or a "copycat" tactics. But no-one can suppose that to be the case. Rioting in South Africa is the effect of long-suppressed and genuine grievances. It might, even be argued, following de Tocqueville, that the government's reform programme has played an unintended part by suggesting to black people that their oppression, long endured as inevitable, was something that could be changed by direct action. That belief will not now be conjured out of existence. And if rioting and

publicity about it are suppressed, the sole effect will be to drive discontent into new channels of subversion of which the government is ignorant. That is not a result which any sensible despotism should aim at.

A second rationalisation is that the new methods of censorship are nothing very startling. Such censorship is the rule in Soviet Russia, most communist countries and the bulk of the Third World. The media, alleges Pretoria, makes little fuss in its reports about these examples of censorship — and in the past gave little credit to Pretoria for the considerable leeway allowed to its own "semi-free press". So what has the Botha government to lose from this reversal?

There is just enough truth in this to make it pernicious. South Africa has long been a curious society in which oppressive government practices were restrained at the margin by a remnant of liberal institutions — a semi-free press, an independent judiciary, outspoken churches. Those institutions have often been cited by Nationalist government Ministers (when speaking to foreigners) as evidence that South Africa was part of the Western world — with terrible injustices to be sure, but distinguished from the totalitarian world in which oppression was a seamless garment covering the courts, the press, the judiciary, and all aspects of life. The freedom of the press, in particular, was something which ensured that the injustices of apartheid never slipped from view. It was an essential factor pushing the whole nation and the Botha government, however reluctantly, in the direction of reform.

Now, however, that voice is being stifled. The police state has extended its sway not just over journalists, but over the right of South Africans, and outsiders to know what is going on at the moment of greatest crisis. At a time when its government is still declaring a willingness to reform, South Africa has slipped over a crucial boundary between freedom and despotism in the wrong direction. It will be the plain duty of newspapers and television to ensure that these restraints do not succeed.

# THE SIGNALS FROM TRIPOLI

Two months after the American air raid on his capital, Colonel Gaddafi of Libya is reported to be in deep trouble. He failed to appear at a rally last week, instead marking the anniversary of his accession to power with a television monologue which was not even live. He is said to be under medical treatment — and on television it looked as if it was not doing him very much good. So what is going on?

The answer to that could still be — nothing. Gaddafi has disappeared and reappeared before, thereafter continuing with his highly individual style of government as if nothing had happened. In a country which hardly believes in freedom of information, journalists and diplomats can only speculate and this time as before, they might just have got it wrong.

The length of his political convalescence since the raid and the evidence that can now be accumulated, suggests however that for once they may well have got it right. Whatever the nature of his complaint or the imminence of his demise, Gaddafi is facing problems which in a different kind of system might at least have lost him the next election.

In the first place the Libyan economy is going through hard times. Oil revenues on which it depends have slumped by 75 per cent to around £3.5 billion in five years — chiefly because of the international collapse in prices. Now he has been warned by the Italian government that it is preparing to diversify its oil supplies — about 16 per cent of which now come from Libya. This is in response to repeated American requests for sanctions against Tripoli and despite a succession of Libyan price cuts to keep its customers happy. With the number of Italians working in the country down to below 3,000, the Craxi government now feels able to take the tougher line which its allies have been urging upon it.

In the second place Libya looks increasingly isolated. Although the Arab world reacted angrily to the April raids on Tripoli and Benghazi, it has not followed up by joining Gaddafi in the political crusade he keeps preaching against the West. Nor has the Eastern bloc. The Soviet Union, not a country which relishes any shocks to its system, views Gaddafi's maverick leadership with deep mistrust. The East Germans moreover are said to have shown little enthusiasm

to supply Gaddafi with the arms he has been requesting unless he can let them see the colour of his money — which at present he is in no position to do.

Thirdly there have been indications for some time that other officers, subordinate to Gaddafi in Libya's ruling councils, have begun to assume more power. His deputy, Major Jalloud, in particular would seem to have risen to a more prominent role. It is hard to be sure in Libya but the conjunction of events leads this time to the conclusion that there is growing dissatisfaction in Tripoli.

Whether this might lead in turn to changes in favour of the West, is another matter. Nor is it clear how much Gaddafi's apparent discomfiture has been intensified by the raid on his headquarters. Libya's growing problems date back to earlier beginnings. But the evidence would suggest the attack has deepened them, plunging the country in general and Gaddafi in particular into a state of deep shock from which neither has fully recovered. Libya undoubtedly will do so in time, but the question marks now prominently hang over its front man.

# PRINCE OF SIGHS

Prince Philip is a tall man — and he speaks from an elevated point of view. He has also just celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday, an occasion which may beget a certain elevated regret even in princes. But it somehow still comes as a shock when the man whom most of us associate with the "pull-your-finger-out" school of philosophy, if with any, should tell *Woman's Own* that "the older I get, the more cynical I get, in the sense that I just think things are going to get worse".

Maybe we have misunderstood the Queen's husband over all these years. His birthday interview was not the first time he has expressed alarm about the "frightening" growth in world population, the dan-

ger that nuclear war will be started by "idiots" or the "inevitable" grave damage that will be done to our environment over the next century. But in all those past speeches to one group or another there was never quite the sense that he meant it. His warnings were more in the nature of a frustrated kick up the backside than a firm moral reflection. The image of the Duke of Edinburgh — to the vast majority who are not speech-loving diners for the World Wild Life Fund or generous purchasers of charity books — is of the family disciplinarian for whom the best cure-all is the Gordonstoun cold shower. Now we must all learn to live with a royal consort who

sounds resoundingly depressed. Which is a pity. For the nation has no shortage of gloom-merchants, many of them more subtle in their dispensations than is the Duke. Where we are weaker is in those very values of vigorous optimism that the Duke once seemed to represent. The royal family needs at least one resident hard-man. So if Prince Philip is, at 65, a trifle bowed, if he is to be now permitted to let his public persona match gloomy reality, who is to take his place as the standard-bearer for the bright and spit-and-polished side of life. We have already had one disciplinary lecture from this Summer's bride-groom-to-be. As one image fades can another adapt to take its place?

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Putting pressure on South Africa

From the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia  
Sir, I refer to your recent leading article, "The Commonwealth and sanctions" (June 10), in which an argument was constructed on the suggestion that President Kaunda had warned her Majesty the Queen of the possibility of a Commonwealth break-up unless Britain agrees to sanctions against South Africa. President Kaunda has not involved her Majesty in this matter and it is unfortunate that this fact was not checked before the article was written. As to the merit of sanctions, Zambia needs no lectures on this. When, at the request of HM Government and the UN, we in Zambia imposed sanctions against the illegal Smith regime, we were the first to suffer and our economy still suffers as a result. Lesotho, recently blockaded by South Africa, can also testify as to the effects. Your leading article stated that sanctions do not work. It is agreed that partial sanctions, applied half-heartedly, have a limited effect. The matter under review is, however, not about limited measures.

Your article states that sanctions will cause black unemployment, and this is admitted even by the majority of South Africans who still feel that only the demonstrated strength of the outside world will avert a disaster. Black leaders, including Church leaders, call persistently for sanctions. They prefer the temporary suffering to the continued evil of apartheid. Sanctions will hit British employment as also known, yet the TUC has voted in favour of the imposition of sanctions.

As the EPG (Eminent Persons Group) report makes clear, we are faced with the threat of nationwide conflagration in South Africa, with resultant suffering to the whole of southern Africa and only determined, united measures can prevent this. Since dialogue over the years has failed, since South Africa has ignored the voice of the world, the voice of most of its citizens, the requirements of the UN and the International Court of Justice, there yet remains the possibility that it may listen to the voice, and actions, of a united Commonwealth.  
Yours faithfully,  
P. D. ZUZE,  
Office of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia,  
Zambia House,  
2 Palace Gate, W8,  
June 12.

## Levy on housing

From Mr C. Mackenzie  
Sir, Mr Christopher Johnson, Lloyds Bank economic adviser, is reported (June 9) as suggesting the replacement of the current domestic rating system by a levy of 15 per cent VAT on new houses and an indexed CGT (capital gains tax) of 29 per cent.

Quite apart from the impact of the former on house starts (pay now, benefit later), what effect would the latter have on the decision by house owners whether to move? This may be expected to considerably undermine the predictable economic model of a regular annual levy and find the local authority director of finance baying to juggle with a slow, quick, quick, quick, slow... from year to year (and, in our more deprived areas, slow, slow, stop).

No, one may assume (despite the diminishing benefit of income tax relief on mortgage repayments) that home owners would decide not to move at all — at least for as long as possible. Mind you, this may encourage Mr Johnson's employers to find an alternative use for the expanding chain of estate agents that they are currently publicising.  
Yours faithfully,  
C. MACKENZIE,  
Bonchester,  
Old Heathfield,  
East Sussex,  
June 9.

## Stag hunt decision

From the Chairman of the British Field Sports Society  
Sir, Mr Richard Course's inter-rogate attack on the farmers of Exmoor (June 5) will cause no surprise. Somerset County Council rejected the motion against bunting which his friends promoted because a majority of councillors had the good sense to realise that if bunting was stopped the herds of red deer would disappear — as they so nearly did when bunting lapsed in the 19th century.

Deer worth more than £300 as venison or as much as £1,000 as trophies, crossing and recrossing several individual holdings every night would, if they ceased to be seen as a common resource, sooner or later be converted into cash.

The League Against Cruel Sports now appear to suggest they should be allowed to mastermind some sort of armed quango to "manage" the herd. Exmoor is a patchwork of different land-ownership. Is it proposed that this body should have power to enter private land at will and against the owners' wishes in order to shoot the deer?  
Such a proposal would involve radical and threatening changes in the law. It is a preposterous idea and the public should be aware of what might be involved.  
Yours faithfully,  
STEPHEN HASTINGS,  
Chairman,  
British Field Sports Society,  
59 Kennington Road, SE1,  
June 12.

## A student's death at Oxford

From the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University  
Sir, With court proceedings pending it is clearly improper to comment on a recent tragic death in this university. There are, however, some statements of general character in your leading article, "Questions for Oxford" (June 16), on which something needs to be said.

First, students of this university are as a community hard-working and dedicated to achieving success — in examinations and in research. For this purpose physical and mental fitness are essential, as they well know.

Secondly, the health and welfare of the students is the constant concern of the college authorities. In the experience of college heads and deans the taking of drugs by students is rare. College doctors tell me that the incidence of drugs among students here is less than among comparable age groups outside the university.

Thirdly, it is misleading to say, as your leading article does, that there is in practice "an uneasy division of responsibilities between university and college authorities".

Fourthly, it is wrong to insinuate that the university authorities "regard post-examination revelry, even when it gets out of hand, as just another tradition to be maintained". I know of no basis of fact which could possibly substantiate this suggestion.

Finally, while it is not possible in the space of a short letter to controvert every erroneous statement in your leading article, I must take exception to the extraordinary description of the undergraduate courses at Oxford as "very loosely-structured education".  
Yours faithfully,  
PATRICK NEILL,  
University Offices,  
Wellington Square, Oxford,  
June 17.

From Mr Leonard Cox  
Sir, May I refer to your leader this morning? There is nothing "peculiar" about the poignancy of early death, whether or not the victim has come from a privileged background, and there must be very few deaths at the age of 22 that cannot be described as "untimely". Circumstances of birth and wealth have absolutely nothing to do with the awfulness of the event. All the sadness lies in the utter defeat of future hopes.

What for parents and other relations, especially those who happen to be well known or have well-known connections, makes bad much worse is newspaper publicity, in particular publicity of the nastier kind that is quite unsparing of the pain it may cause. The photograph of poor Olivia Channon that you chose last week to illustrate her tragedy I would include in the latter category.  
Yours faithfully,  
LEONARD COX,  
7 Needwood Drive,  
Bebington,  
Wirral, Merseyside,  
June 16.

## Trade with Europe

From Mr Basil de Ferranti, MEP for Hampshire Central (European Democrat (Conservative))  
Sir, Making it as easy to trade in Europe as it is in the United States would not only save 80 pence in every £10 we spend, but is an essential freedom if we are to maintain living standards and reduce the numbers of unemployed.

The recent changes to the Rome Treaty are encouraging the use of majority voting in the very technical areas involved. This means making it easier for salesmen from one European country to get orders in another, and making it possible for lorries to cross the frontiers without having three-hour delays and paperwork, which incur £9 billion of unnecessary costs.

This is not a "steamroller" we must "ward off" (to paraphrase your headline of June 16). It is a vital precondition for our survival. The trouble with it is not that it threatens our liberty — quite the reverse: it is that the details are inordinately boring.

The European Parliament, in general, and the Kangaroo Group, more specifically, have got to wish it. The "internal market" to use the jargon, is the top priority of the Community institutions because of pressure from the Parliament. We have been struggling with the details for many years past.

Our "executive" is the Council of Ministers and the Commission, and with Lord Cockfield's programme to eliminate the frontiers by 1992, they are getting on with the job.

The interest and enthusiasm of members of the UK Parliament, Mr Cash [writer of the article] included, is always welcome.  
Yours faithfully,  
BASIL DE FERRANTI,  
Chairman, Ferranti plc,  
Millbank Tower, SW1,  
June 16.

## Channel tunnel

From Sir John Arbuthnot  
Sir, Brigadier Calvert, in his letter today (June 13), quotes Sir Auckland Geddes as saying "the property owners of Kent have always been prepared to sacrifice their only sons for their country, but not one square yard of their land".

We are not all tarred with this brush. The Channel tunnel will come out on land owned by the Folkestone and District Water Company, of which I am chairman. The view that my company takes is that, provided there are adequate safeguards against pollution of the water supply and the maintenance of the water table, we will co-operate fully in the construction of the tunnel.

In our view it could well be that with the tunnel the cost of transport of our exports might be significantly reduced to Europe. Transport cost is a major factor in our ability to compete in this major area of our trade. In fact we have already seen a reduction in freight costs for cross channel traffic and the proposal to build larger ships which will be more competitive. Might this not be a direct consequence of the impending tunnel?

There is also the factor of increased employment, not only in the building of the tunnel but also in the rolling stock which will be necessary.  
Yours faithfully,  
JOHN ARBUTHNOT,  
Poulton Manor,  
Ash,  
Canterbury, Kent,  
June 13.

## SDP and defence

From Professor David Morquand  
Sir, You describe (leading article, June 10) Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr William Rodgers and Mr John Roper as "professional fudgers". What precisely have they fudged?

Presumably, Mrs Williams's crime is to point out that the proposals contained in the report of the joint Alliance commission on defence are in line with the existing policy of the SDP. That happens to be a fact. Those who wish Britain to remain a nuclear power in any but inconceivable circumstances will, no doubt, find it an unpalatable fact. It is a fact nevertheless.

As for Mr Rodgers and Mr Roper, I suppose their crime is to have served as SDP members of the joint commission. Had they abandoned the SDP's existing policy for the sake of reaching agreement with the Liberals, your strictures might have been justified. But they have not done so. The commission report clarifies and sharpens the multilateralist position for which the SDP has always stood — and in support of which, for that matter, some of us rallied to Hugh Gaiskell in the battles in the Labour Party 25 years ago.

It is time you realised that the SDP is not, never has been, and is most unlikely to become a branch of the Conservative Party.  
Yours etc.  
DAVID MARQUAND,  
2 Buxworth Hall,  
Buxworth,  
via Stockport, Cheshire.

If building in the garden thus created was going to save a great deal of public money one could, I suppose, reluctantly accept it as a sad necessity. But if your diarist is right and it is going actually to cost money it seems absurd to go ahead with it.  
Yours faithfully,  
WILLIAM HAYTER,  
Bassett House,  
Stanton St John,  
Oxfordshire.

you see we are not exactly wealthy and couldn't afford to buy in for fodder.  
I understand and sympathise with people who wish to "opt out" of this society, but what I don't understand is why they expect hand-outs from the very society they despise. We have to rent our bit of land, but Mrs Verity suggests we help with taxes to supply free land to alternative lifestyles.

No doubt the intelligencia of SW15 have an answer, but I suspect that Mrs Verity would not like it if I came up to London and squatted in her secretarial agency. She chooses to forget that the fields are just as much a place of work as her office is and should be respected as such.  
Yours truly,  
REG COLLETT,  
White Witches,  
8 Mapstone Close,  
Glastonbury, Somerset,  
June 13.

What will we do? My wife and I are old-age pensioners and my partner is a milk roundsman, so

# ON THIS DAY

JUNE 18 1829

Hardly a month passed without *The Times* recording several instances of suicide, often ingenious in their methods, and *bizarre in their circumstances*, but each conveying the same message of misery. The Lambeth street magistrate, Mr Hardwick, had ordered an inquiry into the circumstances attendant on the melancholy suicide of Miss *Hermantine Both*, and the unsuccessful attempt made to the accomplishment of a similar catastrophe by her sisters."

## THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF THE HANOVERIAN LADIES

... It appears that their erratic conduct is to be attributed to an excessive feeling of the dishonour inflicted on their family by the supposed seduction of a young sister by an officer of the English army. This quite disorganised their minds; and under the impression that their self-destruction would wipe away the imaginary stain, the sisters (five in number), were rowed into the centre of a lake, into which they simultaneously plunged with the intention of terminating existence. Two of them were the sacrifices of their intemperate sensibility, and the three survivors'... conduct has excited so much interest.

To this idea of disgrace another succeeded — viz that they had large claims on this Government for services alleged to have been rendered by their father; and to recover these they came to London. On arrival here, they lived in the most fashionable and expensive hotels, and incurred so many debts as shortly to place them within the walls of gaol. On their liberation, His Majesty was graciously pleased to transmit 50l to enable them to return to their native country; but in place of appropriating it to the purpose for which it was destined, it was in a few months expended, and they were left penniless. The Count Munster, the Hanoverian Ambassador, subsequently intervened in their behalf and humanely offered to pay their expenses home, if they would engage to return to their friends. To this considerate proposition they at first joyously acceded; but on being informed that their conveyance to Dover was to be a stage-coach, their pride recoiled, they contemptuously spurned the offer, and peremptorily refused to move, unless a private carriage were provided for their journey. Having learned that the young ladies to whom he [Mr Schmidt, translator at Lloyd's] had been a steady friend were in lodgings at Mill-wall, Poplar, he went there to ascertain what state they were in... Their father, he said, was formerly chief fencing-master to the Hanoverian court, in virtue of which he enjoyed a pension, which, through the liberality of the government, was continued to his family. Having a larger house than he had occasion for, he received — a circumstance not unusual with respectable families on the Continent — several persons on pension, or boarders. Among these was Mr C., who eloped with one of his sisters which he understood was the original cause of the strange conduct of the other sisters... The elder sister observed to him that they were offered a shelter on conditional terms in a convent in France, if they would accept it. The terms were that they should abjure their religion, the Lutheran, and adopt the Romish faith. This they could not think of, and consequently lost the proffered advantage. They seemed when he saw them to be under the influence of a strong religious feeling, and expressed an anxiety for the spiritual assistance of a German clergyman. The unfortunate father who perished was, he said, the youngest, and constantly carried a dagger in her girdle, as indeed did the others some destructive instrument, and his opinion was, that they were mentally deranged, and that at some period or other they would effect their deadly purpose...

## Cleaning up

From Mr C. F. MacLaren  
Sir, If Mrs Thatcher wants cleaner, litter-free British streets, she might do worse than send a competent delegation to Leningrad to ask the city fathers how it's done.  
In a week just spent there, seeing thousands of people, mostly Russian, trekking over the vast squares, over the splendid palaces, the Summer Palace parks, debouching from fleets of Lin-tourist buses, I saw one solitary hideously wicked, lid of an ice-cream carion.

I was so horrified, after litterless days, that I as near as dammit put it in my pocket, lest I sin by proximity.  
Yours sincerely,  
COLIN MACLAREN,  
The Old Post Office,  
Westbury,  
Northamptonshire,  
June 5.

## Signs of the times

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Price (ret'd)  
Sir, Reading Major-General Braggins's letter (June 13) on the "bricks and mortar" course reminded me I met a major-general's wife who said her husband was due to finish one of these courses. She was consequently rushed off her feet getting all the plumbing, electrical repairs, carpentry and painting tasks up to date before he came home.  
Yours sincerely,  
JOHN PRICE,  
Old Glebe Farmhouse,  
Winterbourne Stoke,  
Wiltshire,  
June 13.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the Windsor Park Equestrian Club...

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Birthdays today

Mr Michael Blakemore, 58; Lord Broughshane, 83; Mr Sammy Cahn, 73...

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy: Mr A. J. G. Blair to be Director General...

Uppingham School

The following awards have been made: Entrance scholarships...

Oundle School

13-year-old awards: F. Baccione (Headmaster's Park)...

Bridge win for North-west

The North-Western Association had a long-overdue win in the official county championship...

Cheltenham Ladies' College

The Guild of the Cheltenham Ladies' College would like to thank the directors of Christie's...

BRITISH MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

Announcements, authenticated by the name and permanent address of the sender...

RHS early summer show Blooms banish winter blues

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent Callistemon citrinus with red bottlebrush flowers...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.V. Swales and Miss G.J. Johnstone-Burt The engagement is announced...

Luncheon

HM Government The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence...

Reception

St George's Hospital Medical School Dr Richard West, Dean of St George's Medical School...

Dinners

Legal and General The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone...

Marriages

Mr A. de Serpa-Leitão and Miss J. More The marriage took place on Thursday...

Elizabeth Smart

A commemorative service for Elizabeth Smart will be held at 3.30 pm on Thursday...

OBITUARY PROFESSOR THOMAS BURROW Sanskrit and Dravidian studies

Professor Thomas Burrow, FBA, who died on June 8 at the age of 76, was Boden Professor of Sanskrit in the University of Oxford...

MR HUGH KAY

Mr Hugh Kay, editor of the Jesuit publication, The Month, and a noted writer and broadcaster...

MRS ANBARA SALAM al-KHALIDI

Mrs Anbara Salam al-Khalidi, the eminent Lebanese author and translator, and a pioneer campaigner for Arab women's rights...

MR D. COLVILLE

Mr David Colville, a much respected figure in the City of London, has died at the age of 76...

Science report How insects use chemical warfare

By Andrew Coghlan Several animal species, from big cats in the jungle to domestic animals in the street...

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE



THE ARTS

Theatre in Canada: Irving Wardle visits the Du Maurier World Stage, growing from the ashes of the ill-fated Toronto Festival, and the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake Masterpiece of revivalism

Television Serious business

One of the few non-repeats on ITV to escape the programmer's dilemma of Pattern A and Pattern B during the World Cup, Ladies in Charge (Thames) bowed out with Anne Yalery's All That Glitters...

With due respect to Ontario's Shaw and Shakespeare Festivals (both in good shape this year), they do not have much to tell you about the state of Canada...

Launched at the beginning of this month in four converted warehouses on Queen's Quay, its programme featured European work alongside Newfoundland satire, hockey drama from Edmonton and Inuit feminism from the Mackenzie River Delta...

Spawning 50 years and seven time-zones, it tells the story of two French Canadian girls and of the other lives, intimate or casual, that cross their path. The style is one of dislocated realism...

The production is the work of Théâtre Repepe, a company whose method is to approach ideas from the starting-point of concrete imagery. Personal stories are only incidental to the image of Canada itself...

Quebec to contemporary Vancouver, evoked by actors who are equally at home in French, English and Chinese. Lives emerge, vanish and reappear like an extended network of roads and rail tracks, briefly intersecting or running in parallel...

In such a piece, everything depends on the images, and these are of a quality that reveals Robert Lepage - the show's director and leading actor - as a magician comparable with the young Peter Brook. Isolated examples cannot evoke the current of visual invention that sweeps the characters along like

twigs to a river. But one can identify two sources of Lepage's power.

First, his transformations of commonplace objects - so that a park-keeper's cabin becomes a projection-booth for Taoist silhouettes, or a slide-top table a route into the underworld. A constellation of the night sky laid out on the floor becomes a lighted city when a pilot spreads himself above it, miming his own aircraft...

Until the opening of Denise Coffey's Back to Methuselah (with one-day performances of all five plays), the main event at the Shaw Festival of Niagara-on-the-Lake is the return of Christopher Newton's acclaimed 1985 production of Coward's Cavalcade. With dire memories of the Chichester version, I approached this occasion with foreboding...

Taking Cavalcade as a chapter of English history as revealed through a group of private lives, Mr Newton starts with the assumption that all these lives are of equal value; and ignores the fact that Coward is patronizing some of them. Where Chichester represented the English people with docile crowds of local residents, the Niagara production is so well cast throughout that there are no small parts. Every crowd scene is packed with individual detail and simultaneous action...

set (by Cameron Porteous) consisting of two superimposed circles: a stage revolve and over it a dome-like hemisphere serving as a screen for documentary projections which, say, at the death of Victoria present stills of the actual mourning procession above a stage representation of the same event.

In an evening of salvage operations, nothing is more astonishing than the reclamation of Jane Marryott, the archetype of well-bred British womanhood, at the hands of Nara McLellan, who - at the moment of her spouse's departure to face the foreign foe - advises him in bell-like tones to "lie down on every possible occasion". The first impression is that she is sending Jane up through the roof. This is not the case. What Miss McLellan has done is to banish the long-suffering shadow of Celia Johnson, and substitute a spirited, articulate woman, with a strongly developed sense of the ridiculous, who is equally compatible with the role. She goes through the act wearing a broad smile. Even after the death of her son, she appears in Trafalgar Square wearing the same expression, except that now she happens to be screaming.

The impression that Mr Newton has built up a crack company for the festival is strengthened by the other Niagara shows. Leon Major's production of Arms and the Man, for instance, gets at once to the core of the play by showing Raina (Donna Goodhead) gorging chocolates alone in her bedroom, and then introduces a magnificent frenzied Sergius (Jim Mezzo) who really does seem to contain six different men fighting it out inside his ample uniform. Girl Crazy, Gershwin's 1930 musical about a film cowboy who decides to run for sheriff, turns out to have an extremely entertaining book as well as numbers like "Embraceable You" and "Delilah". It also has Mary Trainor in the role of the night-club queen "Frisco" Kate Fothergill-Gabor who, in the midst of "I Got Rhythm", invades the audience with a pair of drumsticks and take it away on every piece of resounding metal in the house.

The festival did not strike so lucky with Ben Travers's Banana Ridge which, after a marvellously enraged opening scene ("I've just stuffed my wife in a taxi" - "That's your affair.") subsides to the Malayan plantation of Bucket-Pissang for two acts fatally divided between farce and mild domestic comedy. Altogether Travers's theme of the sexual havoc inadvertently caused by a garcon fatal is more amusingly handled in Down and Out in Beverly Hills, which was among other comforts laid on by British Airways on my return flight.



Girl Crazy: Mary Trainor as the rumbustious "Frisco" Kate at Niagara-on-the-Lake

Theatre in London

Leaving Home Soho Poly

Northern family life, as I shudderingly recall it, is rich in gags about roaway males: a gutless tribe of rabbit husbands and misunderstood teenagers who slam out of the house, vowing never to return, and then come crawling back as they have forgotten their sandwiches and the night is turning a bit chilly. There has been many a play on this topic, usually prompted by wish-fulfillment or revenge.

Dad, still wearing his carpet-slippers, has walked out on the family and vanished without trace. We never find out much about him, apart from the fact that one day he suddenly snapped after 25 years of deadening routine. Miss Kersley's concern is with the wife and children he left behind: the jobless son and

Medici Quartet Elizabeth Hall

Rather much of the Medici Quartet's programme on Monday night in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's continuing André Previn Music Festival was pitched in different tones of melancholy. Sensibly they started with Britten's Third Quartet, his last major work, so that the haunting final movement, with its valedictory spirit and associations with Death in Venice, could also be enjoyed for the freshness of its musical invention.

It is good that such ensembles are taking this work into their repertoires, as its five movements traverse such a wealth of musical motivation, in a direction that was new for Britten, perhaps because of his physical condition. It was a perceptive, balanced performance that we heard, but making less than might have been hoped of the dramatic contrast to be found within each movement as well as in their sequence. Milhaud expressed a more conventional lament for the

Concerts RPO/Dorati Festival Hall

Isaac Stern is not one of those violinists who could be called conservative: a week from today he is to play Peter Maxwell Davies's new Violin Concerto, especially written for him, in this very hall. In the context of the André Previn Music Festival, however, he chose to play safe, if safe Bruch's G minor Violin Concerto really is. On two counts I rather doubt it.

First, of course, there is the small matter of the technical problems it poses, though with a man like Stern to command there is little danger that these will not be solved. But even he cannot overcome the second hazard. For, despite its superbly idiomatic writing, in the cod this is a composition which lacks real creative fervour. Although the tune of the middle movement is undeniably sweet and memorable, it does nowadays cloy a little. While the pre-echoes of Brahms in the finale only emphasize further Bruch's relative impotence as a composer. And the concerto does take a little while to get going.

Concerts Ivo Pogorelich Barbican

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Formal yet sociable: Daniela Buson (centre) and company in Ancient Airs and Dances

Dance Celebration of generosity

Northern Ballet Alhambra, Bradford

Who could have guessed, when Rudolf Nureyev decided to settle in the West, that he would be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of that momentous choice in Bradford? His presence is a tribute to the city's splendidly restored Alhambra Theatre, to the enterprise of Northern Ballet and to the complete absence of snobbery in a man to whom an audience to be entertained is equally worthwhile anywhere in the world.

formerly preferred), but his entreaties are still high and clean. More to the point, he still has a sense of this baller's romantic style which nobody else has rivalled. That amazing poised, rounded attitude, that long low arabesque, are signatures of his. Kirov training and also of his own individual understanding of the ballet.

Northern Ballet Theatre has a good production of this work, staged for it by Alicia Markova. It is well danced by a careful, mainly rather young-looking corps de ballet and by three excellent leading women. Evelyn Desutter in the mazurka solo and as Nureyev's chief partner, Sylvie Guillaumin in the prelude and Daniela Buson notable for the brio and warmth of her waltz solo.

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Concerts Hilary Finch

advanced in acoustic technology as the Barban's Steinway. But a sense of wonder at its palette of tone-colour, at the vast distances it is possible to travel between pianissimo and fortissimo, begins to pall after a while. It would be hard to imagine a more joyless release into the last movement's erstwhile regenerating song.

Given that exactly the same anaesthetizing principles were applied indiscriminately to Chopin's Third Scherzo and a grossly ill-phrased Schumann Etude symphoniques, there remained one last bolt-hole. If the composer's own invention is felt to flag, then one can simply replace his artefact with artifice of one's own.

So it was to Bach's Third English Suite. The intricate cross-patterning of crotches and rhythmic disposition in Prelude and Gigue was blatted out to accommodate Pogorelich's own gawky, hurtling acceleration, while the gargantuan central Saraband became a most skilfully controlled exercise in the grotesque.

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Concerts Noel Goodwin

Miss Cairns joined Imogen Cooper at the piano as well as the string players for yet more but briefer lamentation of a deserted woman in Chausson's Chanson perdue, beautifully sung, and the pianist then remained to partake of Franck's Piano Quintet to a romantically reflective performance. It offered easy enough listening as a modest return for ensemble playing of considered character.

● Glyndebourne Festival Opera will bring Sir Peter Hall's production of Britten's Alibi Herring to London for a semi-staged concert performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on August 16.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Principal attack on education legislation

The head of the schools have launched an attack on the Education Bill...

STOCK MARKET

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Pegler falls to Tomkins

FH Tomkins, the engineering group headed by Mr Greg Hutchings...

Oxford up

Oxford Instruments' pretax profit jumped 88 per cent to £17.2 million...

Meyer higher

Meyer International, the timber company, increased profits from £30.3 million...

Cape recovery

Cape Industries made pretax profits of £3.3 million in the year to March 31...

£15m issue

Smith Newcourt, the stockbroker, is to issue a nominal £15 million of 12 per cent loan stock...

US purchase

Associated British Industries' US subsidiary has acquired Trans Penn Wax Corporation...

Myson bids for Biddle

Myson Group, the heating and ventilation company based in Otagar, Essex...

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, and GOLD. Lists various market indices and rates.

Thames TV to join market with value of £91.2m

Thames Television, the company with a string of production successes including Minder, The Benny Hill Show and Edward and Mrs Simpson...

Mr Richard Dunn, the managing director, and his two fellow executive directors will receive 2.6 million shares between them...

The prospectus, however, states that non-renewal of the franchise would have a fundamental effect on the company's business...

The prospectus will appear in The Times tomorrow.

Dixons promises success

Dixons Group last night issued its offer document detailing its increased and final £1.8 billion bid for Woolworth Holdings...

City reassured by £1.1bn PSBR

The public sector borrowing requirement was £1.1 billion last month, below the average of market expectations...

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By David Smith, Economics Correspondent. The public sector borrowing requirement was £1.1 billion last month...

RFD talks to second 'saviour'

The RFD industrial group made it clear yesterday that it was still making a last-minute effort to fight off Wardle Stores...

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P&O's purchase of a minority stake in European Ferries - announced two days before Christmas - was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission...

Hill Samuel in \$100m issue

Hill Samuel yesterday announced the issue of \$100 million (£66 million) in floating rate notes...

Charities 'could do better'

Most of Britain's leading charities invest wisely, according to a report released yesterday...

Rowland accusations under fresh scrutiny

For 15 months The Observer has been campaigning in support of the claim that the acquisition last year of the House of Fraser and Harrods...

Leon Brittan, Secretary of State at the Department of Trade at the time, wrote to Sir Edward du Cann at Lornho in November...

Pretoria spending package aims to restore growth

The South African Government yesterday announced a package of refractionary measures designed to restore growth and boost badly flagging confidence...

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares pushed higher in moderate early trading yesterday amid new indications of a weak economy.

The US Commerce Department said that housing starts fell 7.4 per cent in May, a bigger drop than expected. The latest indication of a sluggish economy raised hopes for a discount rate cut.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose six points to 1,877 shortly after the opening, trimmed its rise to 3.92 at 1,875.69 about an hour and a half later.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table titled 'STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES' showing market rates for various currencies like New York, London, and others.

Other Sterling Rates table listing rates for Argentina, Brazil, Hong Kong, India, etc.

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Money Markets and Gold section containing Euro Money Deposits, Gold prices, and ECGD information.

London Financial Futures table listing prices for various futures contracts such as 3-month Sterling, 6-month Sterling, etc.

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Table for LONDON METAL EXCHANGE listing prices for various metals like Tin, Lead, Zinc, etc.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table containing detailed information for various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.



STOCK MARKET REPORT

Indexes advance but gilts slip on a weaker pound

Takeover talk and cheerful trading statements kept interest alive in quiet trading yesterday. The FT 30 index closed 7.4 points higher at 1,326.0, while the FTSE 100 ended 11.7 points better at 1,605.3. But gilts slipped by 3/8% as the pound weakened against the stronger dollar. Leading industrials barely stirred but British Telecom attracted demand at 230p, up 6p, ahead of tomorrow's results, with analysts looking for about £1.8 billion for the full year. Cable and Wireless, reporting next week, rose by 13p to 68p, additionally helped by a 39 per cent profit increase from its Hong Kong telephone subsidiary. European Ferries dipped 4.5p to 135p following the surprise reference to the Monopolies Commission of the planned acquisition of a 20.8 per cent stake by P & O, which was 7p lower at 513p. Elsewhere in shipping, Ocean Transport attracted revived speculative interest at 203p, up 7p. Style jumped 15p to 238p on reports that the Delta Group dipped 5p to 206p reflecting fears about South Africa, but its Manganese Metal subsidiary supplies more than 50 per cent of world supplies and is unlikely to be affected by the troubles. Quilter Goodson, the broker, met the company yesterday and reckons the selling has been overdone. Last January, the company bought off a bid from British Land, which reports full-year results today and still holds a substantial stake. Reed International was a strong market at 977p - up 23p - on hopes that it will soon be traded on the options market. Profit-taking knocked 18p from the recent high-flier Avon Rubber at 355p. Disappointing profits upset GEI at 110p, down 15p, while Moss Advertising tumbled another 13p to 70p on further reaction to Monday's setback. In contrast, bumper earnings stimulated British Steel at 272p. Oxford Instruments, 568p, Alexon, 156p and Alphameric, 180p - up by 8p to 37p. Apricot Computers was nervous in early trading, falling by 54p to one stage on news that the company was bringing its results forward. The shares later rallied to 69p - a net fall of 10p. Better-than-expected profits lifted Meyer International by 10p to 271p. Boosey & Hawkes added 20p to 195p as Music Sales raised its offer to 250p. Losses sliced 25p from Callea's at 215p. Bristol

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock symbols and prices.

APPOINTMENTS

Grand Metropolitan: Mr B J Gibbons has been appointed managing director, the Berni and Host Group; Mr J Jagger managing director of a group of agency companies comprising Holsten Distributors, Watney Mann National Sales and Watney Mann & Truman Breweries Export; Mr J B McGeath managing director of Watney Mann & Truman Breweries; Mr A O Norman managing director of Clifton Inns; Mr R G Williams managing director of MER Property Company; Mr K Holloway commercial affairs director; Mr W D Sharlow personnel and administration director; and Mr B Wright finance director.

Quality award for Racal-Vodafone

Racal-Vodafone, which has invested £100 million in establishing a cellular telephone network in Britain, has won this year's Think British Campaign award for quality and customer satisfaction, which is awarded by Jaguar Cars. At the campaign's annual awards presentation yesterday Mr Jeffrey Archer, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, said: "If every household thought British before buying and moved £5 each week away from foreign to domestic goods 580,000 more people would be employed." The award by Wilkinson Sword for the company doing most for the Think British Campaign went to Berol, which found that using a Think British symbol on its pens increased sales nearly tenfold. Mr John Price, chairman of Arthur Price, chairman of the award for the individual award most for the campaign, another went to Mr Sidney Rothwell, secretary of the North West Think British committee. Sir John Egan, chairman of Jaguar Cars, said: "British industry has greatly increased its ability to compete and now its primary objective must be to regain its reputation by fully satisfying the customer."

'Bloodbath' predicted among gilts IDBs

A mini-bloodbath in the gilts inter dealer broker network was predicted yesterday by one of the six inter dealer brokers (IDBs) which will serve the 28 gilts market-makers following big bang on October 27. Mr Michael McCarthy, a director of Charles Fulton (IDB) Ltd, said that only three or four of the inter dealer brokers will survive the six months following big bang. The function of IDBs is primarily to allow rival market-makers to deal anonymously with one another through the IDB. Market-makers wanting to take up or unwind their positions with one another will be able to do so via the IDBs' screens, installed in their offices, without revealing the state of their book. The IDBs earn their profits by charging a commission to the aggressor - the market-maker who responds to a bid or offer on the IDB's screen. Charles Fulton, which is a subsidiary of International City Holdings, the money broker, will charge a commission of 1/128th of 1 per cent. Mr McCarthy, who yesterday unveiled Charles Fulton's £1.5 million dealing room and computer network, said that information from six IDBs would exceed market-makers' requirements, as well as being too difficult to monitor. Moreover there would not be enough business for all the IDBs to provide a sufficiently active price service. He estimated that the gilts IDB network, which essentially will represent the wholesale side of the gilts market, will need a daily volume of about £1 billion to be transacted through it, for it to be profitable. Current daily turnover on the gilts market is £1.5 billion.

Apricot loses £15.4m

By Carol Ferguson

Apricot Computers disclosed a £15.4 million loss for the year to March to a surprise announcement yesterday. It has also decided to withdraw from the lower end of the personal computer market, due to a flood of low priced imports from the Korea and Taiwan, and concentrate production on the Apricot XEN-1 - an IBM compatible version of the powerful XEN machine. Apricot recorded a profit of £4.2 million from its maintenance and software businesses. But this was wiped out by provisions totalling £18.6 million - mostly for unused stocks of personal computers other than the XEN. The XEN-1 has been under development for a year and will be launched this weekend. The adoption of the IBM standard, which is effectively the industry standard, marks the end of Apricot's lonely struggle to establish a niche for its machines. After the write-offs, Apricot has more than £29 million (39p per share) of net assets, including £5.9 million cash. Due to the deficit in the profit and loss account, it was unable to declare a final dividend, which in the previous year was 1.15p. The XEN-1 will compete in the low-volume, high-margin market for multi-user systems. Apricot intends to compete on price, selling its systems for £4,000 to £40,000.

Washington (NYT) - The Securities and Exchange Commission has accused Revlon Inc. of misleading investors during its takeover battle with Pantry Pride by not promptly disclosing the existence of discussions with two investment companies. The SEC action comes after the cosmetics company was bought by Pantry Pride for \$1.74 billion (£1.15 billion) following one of last year's most protracted takeover battles. During the battle Revlon signed an SEC consent order agreeing to comply with the disclosure provisions of the securities laws. Revlon neither admitted or denied the charges at an administrative proceeding on Monday. In the Revlon case, Pantry Pride began the takeover battle with a bid last August. Revlon's management countered by offering to buy each common share with \$57.50 in notes and preferred stock. In making that offer, Revlon had to file a 14D-9 form with the SEC, which included a requirement to disclose "whether or not any negotiation is being undertaken or under way." In that filing, Revlon said it "may undertake" negotiations, adding "currently, however, no negotiations have been undertaken with third parties."

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Magnet plant draws profits for Oxford

Oxford Instruments has not always been well understood by the City. When hi-tech electronic companies saw their markets turn sour and their shares fall out of favour, Oxford Instruments found that its shares were tarred with the same brush. Certainly, it is a hi-tech company, but a very specialised one. Half its turnover and profit comes from the manufacture and supply of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) magnets for use in body scanners. With between 65 and 75 per cent of the market, it makes more magnets than all its competitors put together. The rest of its business is in the supply of specialised low temperature equipment and superconducting magnet systems for research purposes, and the supply of patient monitoring equipment, especially in ECG. It is also involved in a joint venture with Furukawa Electric to supply magnets for the emerging Japanese scanner market. Of course the company has not achieved all this without a bit of help. The convertible preference share issue brought in about £9 million with a similar amount from the sale of the automotive components business to BBA. But it is encouraging that the trading companies themselves managed a £6.7 million reduction to debt. Trading is also reasonably encouraging. The figures published yesterday are in comparison with a 15 month period but on a yearly comparison building products was up by 12 per cent to £6.5 million and contacting by about a quarter to £511,000. But while the reorganisation at building products is now virtually complete, the return for industrial contracting is still miserable. Further provisions had to be taken above the line in the second half on problematic historic contracts. The newly found emphasis on margins rather than sales is long overdue but unfortunately comes at a time when the oil price is inevitably impacting on the amount of work at power stations and in the petrochemical industry. With the hope that Cape has now turned the corner and can look forward to a profitable asbestos and insulation free future, the dividend is being restored after a two year gap. Cap's shares have gained 1p to 78p but both the price and the company both look set for a period of consolidation.

Change is afoot at Meyer International, Mr Roy Groves is retiring as chairman next year after 32 years in the business. His successor is an outsider, Mr Oscar DeVille, formerly of BICC. By the time he takes over, Meyer may be ready to diversify. Yesterday it announced increased profits of £32.1 million for the year to March 31 against £30.3 million. That result benefited from a £3.25 million increase to £4.78 million in profits on property disposals, but even so it reflected a creditable performance for the bottom of the timber cycle. Of the three activities, merchanting and timber trading each account for about 40 per cent of profits, and manufacturing for the rest. In time Meyer may well carve out a fourth leg by acquisition. It could afford to spend a fairly large amount of money. At the year-end borrowings were down to £10 million despite the acquisition in October of Powell Duffryn's timber division for £18.4 million. Admittedly borrowings were helped by a temporary rise of £8.1 million owed to suppliers. While that benefit has been lost since the year-end, the effect has been offset by a £9.4 million inflow following the rationalization of Meyer's Dutch business. The company's dividend policy seems to indicate that it is keen to conserve cash. Last year the increased total dividend of 5.75p (5.25p) was covered nearly four times. At this stage Meyer's acquisition plans can only be guessed. A large acquisition, however, is unlikely until there has been a further improvement in trading. While the company successfully limited the decline in profits last year, when timber prices were falling, it is not about to bounce back suddenly. The timber cycle is out so vicious as it once was. Timber prices have improved modestly this year but Meyer does not expect them to rise further. The overall outlook, however, is encouraging, especially for the Jewson merchanting chain where the benefits of a £2.6 million television advertising campaign have yet to emerge. At 271p, up 10p yesterday, shares are trading on 11 times earnings, assuming a profits rise to £35 million this year.

Abaco Investments, the rapidly growing financial services and property group, is buying Toplis and Harding, a leading insurance loss adjuster, for £12.2 million. It is funding the acquisition via a one-for-four rights issue to raise £14.2 million net. An additional £5.5 million net is being raised by the issue of 10 million shares to The British & Commonwealth Shipping Co, which will increase B & C's Abaco stake to 21 per cent from 16.3 per cent. B & C is paying 56p a share for its 10 million shares, a premium to the market price and a 7p premium to the rights issue price. Mr Peter Goldie, chief executive of Abaco, said that Mr John Gunn, a non-executive director of B & C, was keen for B & C to raise its stake but, with Abaco stock being tightly held, it was felt fairer to other shareholders to charge a premium. Toplis, which has 80 offices in 28 countries, made taxable profits of £1.4 million in 1985. Abaco believes - as with its recent purchase of the chartered broker Anthony Brown Stewart - that it can provide capital for expansion. It also believes that there are good opportunities to buy more loss adjusters. Abaco's acquisition programme shows no signs of slowing and, with more than £10 million cash in hand and no gearing, it could go for a much larger target. It is still seeking an insurance broker to round off its package of services to housebuyers and it has "several attractive acquisitions" to its sights.

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Cullens group in £1.75m surprise loss

Cullens, the quality convenience stores group which was taken over by three former Imperial directors in January last year, yesterday announced a surprising pretax loss of £1.75 million and an attributable loss of £382,000 for the year to March 2. At the time of its £5.1 million rights issue in February, Cullens forecast pretax losses not exceeding £1.4 million and attributable profits of not less than £700,000. The problem was of an accounting nature, Mr Peter Matthews, the chairman, said. Previous management's failure to depreciate lifts and other fittings and fixtures caused an unexpected write-off. Trading in the new format stores is going well, Mr Matthews said.

COMPANY NEWS

- J H FENNER (HOLDINGS): Interim dividend unchanged at 2p. Half-year to March 1, 1986. Turnover £71.53 million (£79.89 million). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £1 million (£643,000). Earnings per share 1.68p (1.96p). BRITISH STEAM SPECIALITIES: Year to March 31, 1986. Total dividend 7.75p (6.25p). Turnover £76.61 million (£66.27 million). Pretax profit £5.61 million (£3.71 million). Earnings per share 24.5p. ALEXON GROUP: Year to March 29, 1986. Total dividend 3.25p (2.2p). Turnover £51.9 million (£45.88 million). Pretax profit £3.46 million (£2.04 million). Earnings per share 16.3p (8.8p). GOLDSMITHS GROUP: Year to Feb. 28, 1986. Total dividend unchanged at 7.5p. Turnover £39.32 million (£41.54 million). Pretax profit £357,000 (£1.62 million). Earnings per share (nil basis) 9.9p (16.6p). ICI (AUSTRALIA): Half-year to end-March. Net profit Aus\$265 million (£10.8 million), against Aus\$19.74 million. Sales Aus\$970.49 million (Aus\$753.13 million). Interim dividend 7 cents (same). ROBERT HORNE GROUP: Interim dividend 1.5p (1.25p), payable on July 25. Half-year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £62.48 million (£61.19 million). Pretax profit £4.42 million (£4.25 million). Earnings per share 8.58p (7.75p). CML MICROSYSTEMS: Dividend raised from 1.4p to 1.8p for the year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £5.84 million (£5.78 million). Pretax profit £1.54 million (£1.34 million). Earnings per share 10.1p (9.9p). COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES: Six months to March 31, 1986. Interim dividend 2.25p (2.03p). Turnover £12.77 million (£12.5 million). Pretax profit £1.3 million (£89,000). Earnings per share 15.3p (12.5p). PARKDALE HOLDINGS: Total dividend 1.6p (1p) for the year to April 30, 1986. Turnover (including rentals) £1.88 million (£1.2 million). Pretax profit £902,000 (£368,000). Earnings per share 6.49p (2.45p). MICRO SCORE: Half-year to April 30, 1986. Interim dividend 0.33p (same). Turnover £1.85 million (£1.72 million). Pretax profit £284,000 (£431,000). Earnings per share (weighted average) 1.71p (3.19p). JACK L ISRAEL GROUP: The company has bought Antony Worham for £328,752 in cash. Worham is an importer and distributor of canned meats, selling under the Tudor Queen label. AUTOMAGIC HOLDINGS: The company is to buy Normand-Sweet for a maximum of £439,500. Normand-Sweet's main business is shoe-repairing and key-cutting, operating from 18 locations in South England. LANCA: Dividend 0.375p (same) for 1985. Turnover £3.7 million (£3.03 million). Pretax profit £249,000 (£260,000). Earnings per share 1.78p (1.9p). CARROLL INDUSTRIES: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Pretax profit £16.17 million (£5.56 million), against £26.03 million. Sales £142.37 million (£134.5 million). Earnings per share 6.9p (6.8p). Interim dividend unchanged at 2.8p. MARSHALLS HALIFAX: Year to March 31, 1986. Total dividend 5.25p (4.5p). Concrete and quarrying sales £54.35 million (£46.38 million); engineering sales £14.9 million (£14.58 million). Pretax profit £7.18 million (£5.96 million). Earnings per share 12.11p (11.48p).

Meyer International Improved results in a difficult year. Mr. Ronald E. Groves, CBE, Chairman, reports: \* Pre-tax profits up 6% at £32.1 million. \* Earnings per Ordinary share up 10% at 22.57p. \* Net borrowings, reduced during year by over £16.5 million to £9.3 million, now represent less than 5% of shareholders' funds. \* Final Dividend 3.80p, making the total for the year 5.75p, an increase of 10% on last year. Future Prospects: "There is every indication of greater stability in timber prices and rather more activity in the construction industry. A reasonable outcome for the current year is expected." Copies of the Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 1986, containing the Chairmen's Statement in full, may be obtained from The Secretary, Meyer International plc, Villiers House, 41-47 Strand, London WC2N 5JG.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON INVESTING IN THE REGIONS

Hope in lands of despair

When a Member of Parliament for a seat in the North of England makes a speech about the "dramatic series of hammer blows experienced in recent weeks in the North-East", that looks about par for the course.

When, however, the MP turns out not only to be a Conservative, but a former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and to be recommending the full-blooded revival of regional economic policy, then it is an unmistakable sign of a political shift.

Yet there was Leon Brittan speaking in his constituency of Richmond, North Yorkshire, a fortnight ago. He had, he said, become increasingly persuaded that major changes in the present arrangements for regional assistance should be considered.

"The time has come," he went on, "when we should look urgently at the possibility of setting up development agencies for some of the English regions that would be comparable to the Scottish Development Agency. This would be a positive and radical initiative aimed at achieving a more effective regional policy, a task of the utmost importance."

One former Secretary of State perhaps does not make a trend. But Mr Brittan's endorsement of the Scottish Development Agency and revived regional policy came soon after Norman Tebbit, a fellow former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, let it be known (Mr Tebbit is no slouch when it comes to briefing) that English regional agencies could well appear on the Conservative Party's manifesto for the next election.

The political benefits of revived economic regionalism — or rather, the costs of inattention to economic decline and unemployment in England — were being illustrated almost as Mr Brittan spoke.

The countdown to the closure of the Gevor tin mine at Penden, Cornwall, had already begun. On June 2 the mine closed, with the loss of 390 jobs. The "Tin Coast" between Land's End and St Ives would soon have no

active mining. By the standards of the North-East the total job loss, with tin directly employing some 1,500 people in Cornwall, would be small; but no one, least of all Cornwall's Conservative MPs, wanted to minimize the effect on the regional economy.

David Mudd, MP for Falmouth and Camborne, said in the Commons could no longer count on his support. His Parliamentary neighbour David Harris MP wanted *ad hoc* assistance from the Department of Trade and Industry. It was not forthcoming and he too muttered rebellion.

No one denigrated the efforts of Cornwall County Council to support tin-mining on a temporary basis or its longer-term efforts at promoting economic development. But the scale of the structural economic decline seemed far beyond the county councillors of Truro. No wonder that in Mr Tebbit's thinking about a regional development agency for Devon and Cornwall was hinted at.

What Mr Tebbit did not vouchsafe was how much new public money such English regional agencies might have to spend nor how their work might interact with the plethora of geographically specific policies already mounted by government.

It was none the less a sign of the times. It had, after all, been Mr Tebbit who in December 1983 produced a Trade Department White Paper trimming eligibility for regional assistance, redrawing the map of assisted areas and cutting outlays on grants.

"The economic case for regional industrial policy today is not clear-cut," Mr Tebbit said at the time, "and the economic costs of such policies must be set against the benefits."

The remark was interpreted by some as evidence that Mr Tebbit had been defeated in Cabinet in pressing for a root and branch approach to regional industrial assistance, in which the "social case" for a policy of trying to reduce regional imbalances in employment is acknowledged.

Mr Tebbit's hints about

regional development agencies are significant in another sense, too. They carry with them a flavour of the Government's enthusiasm for direct action, centrally organized. The Scottish Development Agency is admired even by Conservative ministers who might otherwise be rather sceptical of activist quangos, because it appears to get things done.

Mr Tebbit's regional agencies would be very unlikely to have nominees from local authorities on them. They would be organs of central government — there being an obvious paradox if English regional agencies were expected to advocate on behalf of localities.

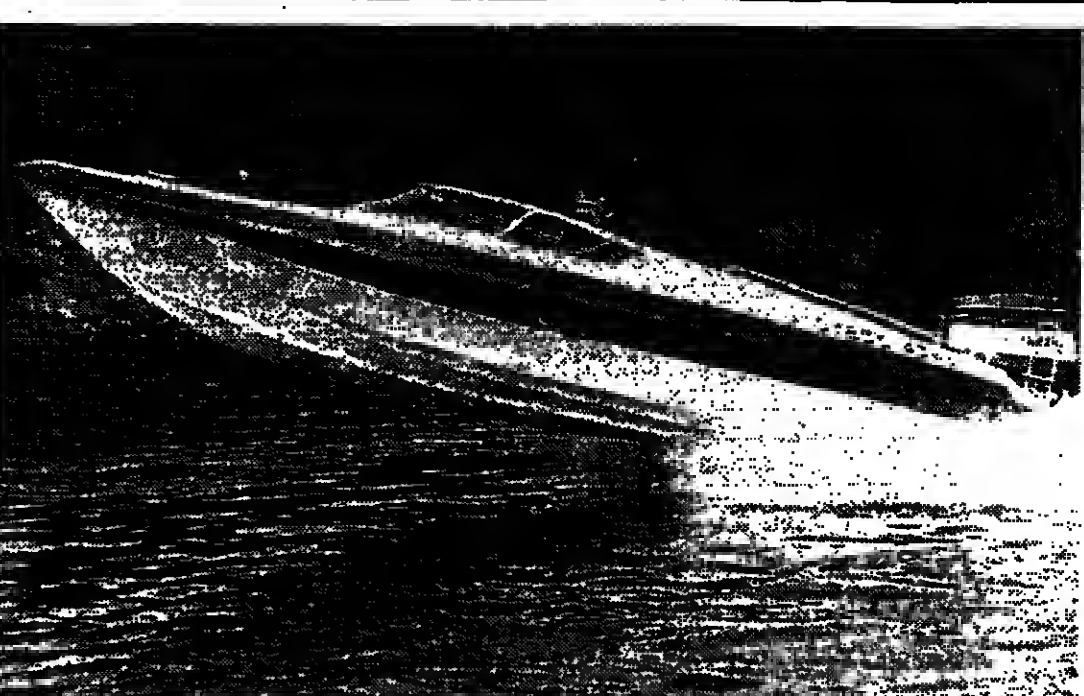
Regional policy in England has generally avoided giving regional bodies much power or much executive capacity. Lack of either characterized the regional economic planning councils established by Harold Wilson in the 1960s.

Regional economic policy has, for the most part, involved departments of central government dispensing cash and advice at arm's length.

Regional government has



Fruits of NCB Enterprise: Stained-glass and boat-building businesses are among those helped, replacing jobs lost in the coal industry



The pattern of inducements and penalties remained in place for 30 years. Carrots in the 1960s included subsidies to labour movement, for example the operation of the Selective Employment Tax. Sticks were applied to office location. In the 1980s the penalties on movement have gone.

The carrots primarily are the regional development grants. These subsidize capital spending on plant and equipment in the designated development areas (as redefined by Mr Tebbit in November 1984). Economic activities

qualifying for grants used to be for manufacturing alone, but now are also available for service industries.

But regional policy has always been a misnomer. A better distinction is between policies blind to the geographical incidence of public expenditure and those which aim public money at specific areas — whether or not they are regions.

Naturally, money spent on the first category, such as shipbuilding support or defence, may come to take on a "regional" pattern. Examples of expenditure in the second category are rate support grant distributions and allocations to the inner cities or areas.

The distinction conventionally made between economic and social objectives does not always apply. The large vol-

ume of public investment in, for example, the new towns (an investment estimated by the Commission for the New Towns at £3.7 billion in England over 35 years) has simultaneously had economic and social purposes.

Victor Hausner and Professor Brian Robson, summarizing the results of a large-scale survey by the Economic and Social Research Council of inner cities, concluded: "Many policies have unintended spatial consequences which often work against the explicit aims of spatial urban policy."

Bristol provides the most dramatic example of the unintended impact of government spending in sectors such as defence and health. The area has benefited strongly from procurement policy for defence in the aerospace industry which is the main motor of the local economy.

During the 1980s cities, zones and sectors of cities became a focus for new government programmes intended to generate or sustain investment and economic activity.

The Department of the Environment, though ostensibly responsible for the physical condition of urban areas, in effect took responsibility for their social and economic well-being. The advent of Michael Heseltine as Secretary of State for the Environment in 1979 made this explicit: the Urban Programme was redefined as an economic programme and the stimulation of economic enterprise, for example, through the Enterprise Zones was mar-

ried with the department's responsibilities for land reclamation and urban renewal. Confusion was sown.

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Hausner and Robson argue in *Changing Cities* (Economic and Social Research Council, £2) that there is inconsistency between the aims of Environment Department policies to support cities, and those of the Department of Trade and Industry which are designed to sustain regions regardless of whether or not investment is channelled into cities *per se*.

"A study of government programmes in the West Midlands showed a lack of coordination between the two departments, and between both and the Manpower Services Commission with its responsibilities for skill training."

They maintain that the distribution of regional development grants has heavily favoured the outer areas of cities. The new towns, especially in the North-West, have likewise been accused of sucking population and investment from the inner areas of such cities as Liverpool. Several of the Enterprise zones have, according to preliminary surveys, succeeded only in transferring employment from one part of a region to another by encouraging firms to shift in pursuit of tax relief.

Britain's decision to join the European Economic Community added further complexity to regional economic policy. Membership itself affected, for example, the attractiveness of location within the UK for foreign enterprises.

It also altered the position

Jobs for thousands after steel closures

The "opportunity areas" labelled by BSC (Industry) read like a gazetteer of the first industrial revolution, when commercial smelting grew up on the coalfields of South Wales, Lanarkshire, Durham and Yorkshire. For Britain the revolution is conclusively ended: either bulk steel is no longer made, or it is in plants thousands of miles from where the ironmasters set up shop and the steelmen followed.

BSC (Industry) has the job of mopping up the remnants of the industrial revolution. Established 11 years ago, when the "rationalization" of the British Steel Corporation had become inevitable, the subsidiary claims to have created 30,000 jobs in areas affected by closures.

Its package of help includes sites and workshops, factories and offices, loans and advice — not least about how to tap into the various pots of money available for business in the steel closure areas. Scunthorpe, Rotherham and Dudley all have enterprise zones; BSC (Industry) local teams promise introductions and discussion with relevant officials and money managers.

The company has pioneered the conversion of redundant buildings into small workshops. Two people who went into partnership in such a workshop, with 1,500 square feet, needed £6,000 for plant and working capital. They found a third themselves, a

third came from a bank and BSC (Industry) lent the rest.

BSC (Industry) now has a junior cousin in such work. NCB Enterprise was launched in spring last year with £5 million from the National Coal Board (now British Coal) to create long-term job opportunities in the coalfields. Merrick Spanton, the chairman, says the aim is to replace all mining jobs lost during the present restructuring "over a reasonable period".

Like BSC (Industry) the NCB offshoot is trying to work closely with enterprise agencies, organizations which have flourished in recent years to bring together in a local forum councils, banks, and private firms.

NCB Enterprise has expanded quickly. The Energy Secretary, Peter Walker, approved an increase in its provision to £20 million last July, and its executives are certainly bullish. They say that in its first full year of operation it has supported about 430 projects, which are expected to create 5,400 jobs.

In the North-East the company has made loans to companies in heavy engineering, frozen foods and computer software. Elsewhere it has helped set up starter workshops: the Rotherham Enterprise Agency workshop at Wash upon Dearne received a grant from it, and has let all its units.



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# Scotland's image-makers

It is difficult to travel far in Scotland south of the Highland line without sighting the distinctive blue logo of a ubiquitous factory-builder, site-cleaver, developer, sponsor and general refurbisher of the urban environment — the Scottish Development Agency.

Here is one piece of corporatism from Harold Wilson (now Lord Wilson) that is blessed by Conservatives: here is a holdover from the profligate 1970s that has Norman Tebbit's approval. The recent Scottish Conservative Party conference heard ringing denunciations of high taxation and state interference: but references by the Secretary of State, Malcolm Rifkind, to the agency's positive contribution to the regeneration of Scotland brought applause.

The agency is now being held up as a model. Spokesmen for the North and North-

West and other depressed English regions have long complained of the agency's potency in promoting Scotland and attracting inward investment. Now, it seems, the Government is thinking of

## Springboard for Glasgow's rebirth

building regional development agencies on the same lines for them.

The Scottish Development Agency, needless to say, is extremely good at public relations. It is also the creature of a Scottish political set-up that, by the very nature of the Scottish Office and the Cabinet position of the Secretary of State for Scotland, cannot be replicated south of the border. It was established in 1975,

ended by the then Labour Secretary of State, William Ross, with a directly interven-

tionist role in industry. It was to stop businesses closing and support lame ducks. In fact, the agency's role was ambiguous. As well as industrial support, it became involved in urban renewal in Glasgow as well.

Even after the Thatcher Government reduced its capacity to take equity shares in industry the agency still has a confusing variety of purposes, from sectoral economic analysis to dockside developer, from Scotland's American public relations agent to property speculator and promoter of offshore trusts. It has an urban focus because economic development in the rural north of Scotland is the responsibility of a separate and older agency of government, the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

The agency's reputation rests, in some measure, on its work in "turning round"

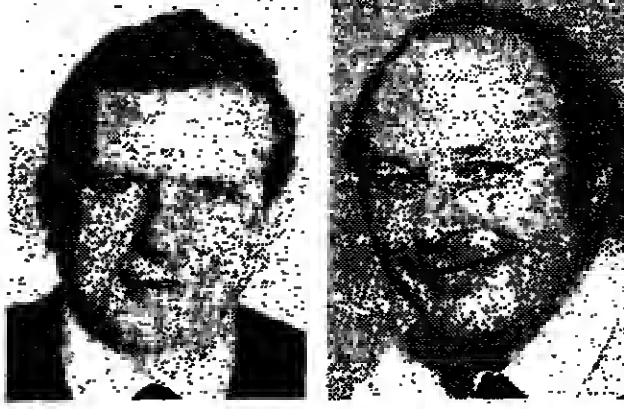
Clydeside. It has participated in the £305 million Glasgow Eastern Area Renewal, the success of which has been a springboard for Glasgow's renaissance. The agency has a share in the continuing regeneration of Glasgow's shopping area in Buchanan Street, the refurbishment of Anderston on the Clyde and what, by comparison with other enterprise zones, is the success of the Clydesbank zone.

Another string to the bow is "Silicon Glen", the belt of investment in the Strathclyde, Central, Fife and Lothian regions in high tech industry. Electronics now employs 40,000 people in Scotland in 300 companies. By no means all the investment that produced this new sector is recent — companies such as IBM and Burroughs have been in Scotland since the 1950s. But Scotland is now said to have Europe's highest concentration of wafer fabrication and few of the major manufacturers of computers and semiconductors are not represented on the Scottish roster.

Alastair Macpherson, head of the agency's electronics division, has said the semiconductor industry came to Scotland because it could get the level of skill it required as well as support facilities, and access to the European market from within EEC tariff barriers.

But the agency has now set itself the task of encouraging spill-over from assembly work in electronics to product development. Great hopes rest on Wang Laboratories' \$55 million office automation plant at Stirling University which might demonstrate how inward investment can be married with Scottish applied science.

Through the Locate in Scotland campaign, run jointly with the Scottish Office, which administers grants to industry, the agency has raised Scotland's promotional profile. Scotland has its own offices in Sao Francisco, Chicago, Houston and New York, and Scottish MPs rebuffed the Treasury's efforts to amalgamate them with UK-wide promotional activities in the United States. The agency reported some £1.2 billion in inward foreign investment in Scotland between 1981-82 and 1984-85, together with the creation of 19,000 jobs. Yet in the agency and in its



Dr George Mathewson, Scottish Development Agency chief executive, and Alastair Macpherson, electronics head

junior relative, the Welsh Development Agency, the emphasis is moving away from competition for the limited pool of mobile foreign capital towards stimulating indigenous sources of economic enterprise. Edward Cunningham, the agency's planning director, has referred to its role in making the Scottish economy "dynamic and vital" by, for example, mobilizing venture capital for local entrepreneurs.

This is territory the Welsh Development Agency, formed in 1976 with similar ambitions, has recently staked out for itself. In April the Cardiff Consortium was launched as "a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs in need of equity finance", in the words of David Waterstone, the Welsh

## Edinburgh's wealth offers benefits

Development Agency's chief executive.

The Cardiff Consortium links the agency's funds with money from such City funds as Charterhouse Japhet and Citicorp Venture Capital to provide, within a Welsh envelope, backing for risk-takers.

Whether Cardiff has traditionally been deprived of risk capital sources is disputed by some, but the new scheme will try to marry the availability of finance with the agency's package of supports for fledgling business — its business development unit specialises in management and technical advice to smaller firms and, like the Scottish agency, it is a large-scale industrial landlord, with a variety of premises and sites. Investment in Scotland has always benefited, by contrast with Wales, from the wealth and sophistication of Edinburgh as a centre for financial

## Message of hope

Continued from previous page of the regions in relation to the Community-wide market: the peripheral areas are even more peripheral on the European scale. On the positive side, UK regions stand to benefit from European regional policy.

The main vehicle for this is the ERDF, the Community's regional development fund. Member states submit applications to the fund, the total cost of which is shared between them. It is a moot point whether any specific grant is "new" money for the country but individual regions may secure a net benefit. Scotland, for example, has been awarded about £600 million from the fund since 1975; such local authorities as Strathclyde regional council, which has a lobbyist in Brussels, have shown themselves adept at playing the grants game.

For the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies, the new town corporations, local authorities, the Department of Trade, the promoters of the enterprise zones, BSC (Industry) and the rest "the game" has until recently been primarily one of working to attract non-local capital to produce local jobs.

A consequence, in the North, Scotland and Ulster,

has been to reinforce structural tendencies increasing the proportion of employment provided (in manufacturing) by foreign firms and decreasing still further the regional distribution of corporate headquarters.

In the 1980s the decline of manufacturing and shrinkage in the pool of mobile capital investment in many sectors has led to a change in attitude. One of the decade's buzz words is "enterprise".

The regional agencies are trying to promote local entrepreneurship and the creation of small business as actively as they still seek inward investment. The university-linked science park has become a symbol of attempts to generate economic activity from indigenous sources.

Having gone through its hour of trial at the hands of Sir Keith Joseph, Mr Tebbit and then Mr Brittan, regional policy still occupies considerable space in the Department of Trade's budgeting, even though holding only half the value in cash terms this year that it had in 1980-81.

But since the 1986 public expenditure White Paper was published, Geewee has closed and the price of North Sea oil has fallen and British shipbuilding has shed thousands of workers. In the words of Mr Brittan it is "our right and our duty to ask again whether we can do more to help."

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The rumbles from the right

When it comes to criticism of capitalism for failing the regions, the trenchant voices have, at least in recent years, been on the right rather than the left of politics.

Decisions taken in the boardrooms of the City of London need take no account of the profound, sometimes devastating impact on a local community. Many of the new-style industrial and commercial landlords are absentees.

The words come from Michael Heseltine, erstwhile minister for Merseyside. As he wrote in a celebrated memo to the Prime Minister after the Toxteth riots in 1981, "it took a riot to awaken London politicians to the decay of Britain's urban centres, but once awakened, there was much that could be done."

Mr Heseltine's tenure at the Department of the Environment from 1979 to 1983 saw the department's "regional" and economic responsibilities enhanced - to the point where it was to direct competition with the Department of Trade and Industry as the ministry symbolically responsible for the regional economies.

Regional policy is multifarm. Here is a partial list of government agencies and departments with a role in assisting economic development in the regions.

English Regional Development Organizations, supported by the Department of Trade and Industry, local authorities and business to attract industry, especially from overseas.

British Tourist Authority: Can make grants under the 1969 Development of Tourism Act to encourage visitors to visit places other than London.

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ment in profusion to add to existing overties such as the docklands development corporations and the enterprise zones.

Mr Heseltine, like many visitors to the United States, returned impressed by the co-operation between public and private sectors that had regenerated downtown areas in Baltimore and Boston.

The resulting policy innovation was the Urban Development Action Grant. Special grants were needed, in Mr Heseltine's words, "to encourage imaginative projects to come forward".

But Urban Development Grants, as the British variant was known, required co-operation between private sector and local authority and between town hall and Whitehall. Events in Liverpool demonstrate how difficult this can be.

With some fanfare the Government two years ago unveiled new City Action Teams in five inner areas, including Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne. Their aim was better targeting of available pockets of government money - training grants from the Department of Employment, money to refurbish

The left brings a sense of purpose

"What will happen to support for industry?" Some kind of victory for socialism was reposed by the very fact that that question was put in the pamphlet brought out last year by the Department of the Environment to explain what would happen after the abolition of the Greater London and the metropolitan councils.

For years councils have had powers to promote their areas and support industry. But it was the "new municipal left" that came to power in the early 1980s that brought into local government a new, purposive set of ideas about how the municipal machine could be used to restructure local economies.

It is often forgotten that the attempt to cut London's fares that brought Ken Livingstone and colleagues before the courts was the corollary element to an economic strategy for the capital carefully worked out before the Labour left took control of the GLC in 1981.

That strategy was for Labour local authorities not merely to promote economic development (by building factories or making loans or financing the local area's press in newspaper advertisements).

It was for the council also to take an equity stake in companies and to act as an entrepreneur and financier. Councillors and officials had realized that sections 137 and 142 of the 1972 Local Government Act empowered them to assist economic enterprise in various ways; and in the 1980s the GLC, the West Midlands and other metropolitan counties discovered that their economic role could be expanded.



Pressing forward: Clothing manufacturers E.R. Hammersley, a West Midlands Enterprise Board success by, for example, channelling pension and loan funds into investment projects.

The West Midlands Enterprise Board is one of the most successful examples of the new breed. Its leading light is a Birmingham Labour councillor, Geoff Edge. The analysis begins with the striking growth in unemployment in the West Midlands - from 6 per cent in 1979 to more than 15 per cent in 1985 - job losses and the decline in staple manufactures.

The West Midlands has become unattractive to institutional investors. Its stock of capital equipment is becoming antiquated. Government support has not been forthcoming for a region still not recognized as depressed on the official indices.

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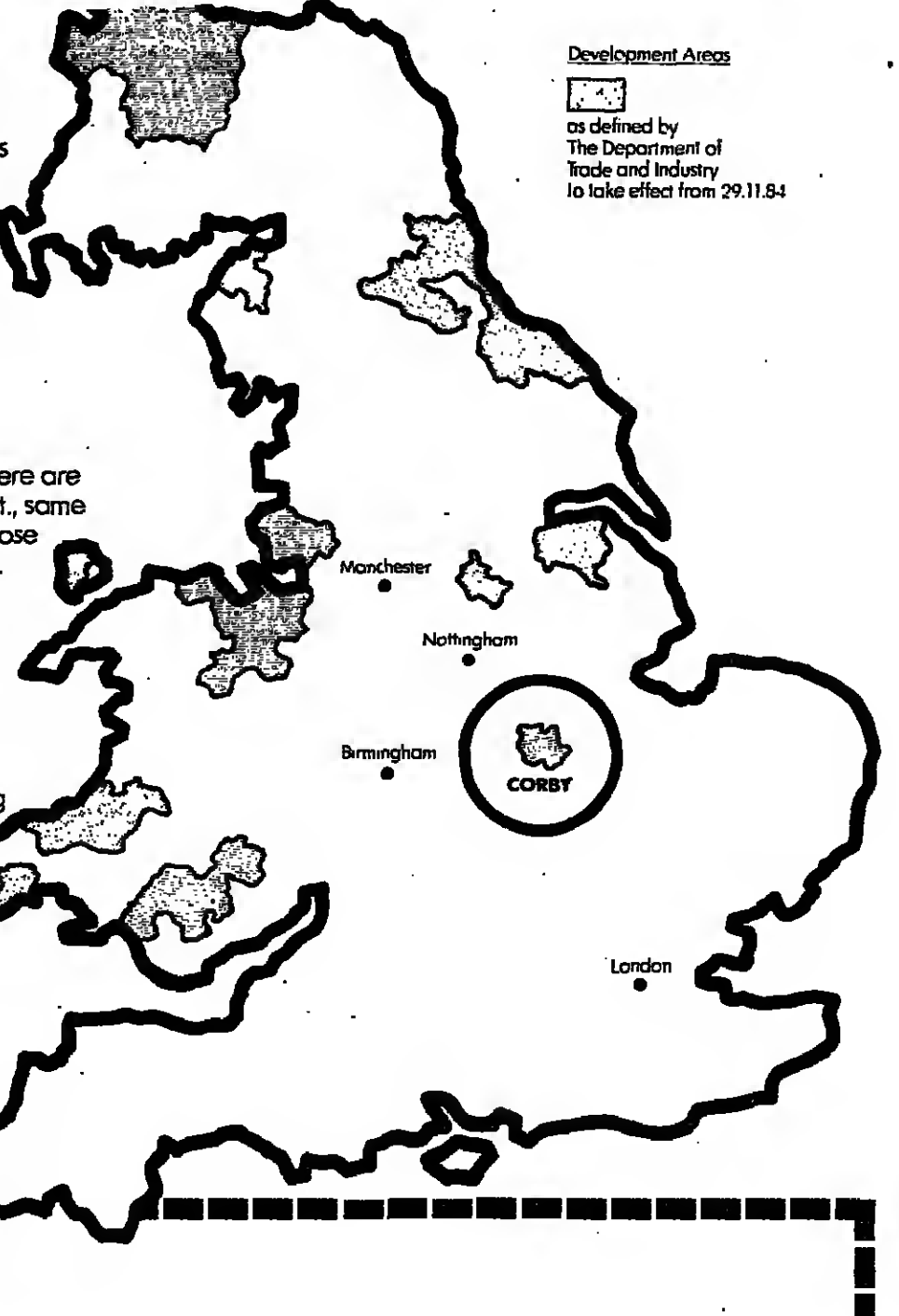
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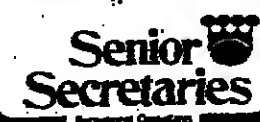


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SPORT

# Hoddle the key in a test of character

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Mexico City

After spending a fortnight on the northern periphery of the World Cup, England today step into the centre of the competition. On the closing day of the second round, they will be joined by Paraguay inside the Aztec Stadium, the huge towering arena where the final itself will be staged in 11 days time.

The performances in Monterrey were mere dress rehearsals, which is just as well. It took Bobby Robson three hours to find his most cohesive and appropriate line-up, by which time they had deservedly lost their claim of being Europe's strongest contenders. But in the first 45 minutes against Poland they restored most of their reputation.



Dave Sexton, one of Robson's roving spies, rates the first half last Wednesday as the best football he has seen so far in the tournament. His vision may be impaired by patriotism but, apart from the Paraguayan contingent here and those back home in their own country, the world is again predicting an English triumph.

That is not necessarily in their favour. Robson's side have over the last four years climbed the highest peaks when least expected. When it appeared that they were on their way directly out of the European championships, they won convincingly in Hungary. When they were seemingly facing humiliation in South America, they conquered Brazil.

When their successful build-up was under the greatest threat, against the Soviet Union in Tolisi and against Mexico in Los Angeles, England were at their most impressive. When they were about to stumble out of the first round last week, they exploded against Poland. Their unpredictability, in other words, has been predictable.

Hoddle, who must be an influential figure today if England are to go through to take on Argentina in the quarter-finals, concedes that: "There is something about the English character. When we were in the deepest trouble, that is when we produced our best." They might be in the deepest trouble if they do not produce their best.

Robson was warned by a South American journalist four months ago that even though Paraguay had never before advanced beyond the first round, they would be dangerous opponents. An expert, recognized as an expert in the tactical field, stressed that they are positive, almost careless, when they break out of a less gifted defence.

Cabanas, their centre-forward, and Romero, their goal-scoring midfielder, are the two names that may become frighteningly familiar to those who watch the game on television tonight. The pair, two of half a dozen foreign exiles, have shared all four of Paraguay's goals so far.

Their suppliers are Mendoza and Guasch, wingers who will be in direct conflict with the admirable Sansom and Stevens, the Everton full back who appears to have rediscovered his form. England should not be embarrassed out on the flanks but in the middle there remains a cause for concern.

Although Robson has yet to announce his side, the formation he chose during Monday's training session suggested that he will make only the one change enforced by the suspension of Fenwick. Martin, West Ham's United's defender who looks so comfortable when playing for his club but so hesitant when representing his country, should be the lone newcomer.

Martin has been selected as Butcher's partner a mere three times in the last two years and he failed to inspire confidence either against Northern Ireland, Israel or, more recently, Canada. But Robson has little option. Stevens of Tottenham Hotspur would be an adventurous and risky solution to the problem that has existed for some years.

If Bryan Robson had been fully fit, he would have been an ideal, if unconventional, replacement. England's manager will reluctantly resist the temptation to reintroduce him

at the start, though he may yet invite him to join the substitutes. The midfield line of four, so much more flexible and full of variety in the absence of the captain and vice-captain, should not be disturbed anyway.

Reid's oxygen tank may run out before the end but his short game was the perfect foil for Hoddle's longer version against Poland. If Hodgson and Steven, the two youngsters stationed on either side of them, also reproduce their inspiration of a week ago, Paraguay's attack will become significantly less relevant than England's.

Lineker, now that he has recovered from his wrist injury, is once more a fearsome force and Beardsley is improving rapidly with each appearance.

Cayetano Re, Paraguay's manager, says that he will retain the side that held Belgium 2-2 in their final first round tie. He has also predicted that England will "melt" but his words have become notorious. After speaking his mind too loudly during the game against Belgium, FIFA imposed on him a fine of 10,000 Swiss francs. By this evening he may not choose to be so voluble.

The Englishmen who are expected to keep Re relatively mute and Paraguay subdued are Shilton, Stevens (of Everton), Butcher, Martin, Sansom, Steven, Hoddle, Reid, Hodge, Lineker and Beardsley.

## Painful memories give the Danes an added incentive

Queretaro (Reuters) - Denmark have a score to settle when they play Spain in the second round of the World Cup finals tonight. Two years ago Spain ended Denmark's glorious run in the European Championship when they beat them on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra time in their semi-final in Lyons, France.

Denmark had the better of that game but their inexperience in major tournaments let them down as they lost their sense of urgency after taking an early lead.

The Danish team have stayed together and matured into an even more powerful force as their 100 per cent record in the toughest first round group has proved. Though Sepp Piontek, their trainer, and the players are trying to play down suggestions that it will be a grudge match, it is clear the Danes are determined not to repeat the mistake of two years ago.

The two teams already know each other far too well for their liking. A mix-up by FIFA, the game's governing

body, has left them lodged in the same hotel for the past four days despite protests.

Piontek said the loss of Frank Arnesen, suspended after being sent off against West Germany, would be a blow as the right-sided midfielder player had been his best player in the first three games. But the good news for the Danish trainer is that Bertelsen, their defensive midfielder, is ready to return after an ankle injury.

Elkjær, joint top scorer of the finals with four goals, has also recovered from a thigh injury and will resume his partnership up front with Laudrup. Hoegh, who played in the 2-0 victory against West Germany although previously regarded as the third choice goalkeeper, is likely to be preferred to the erratic Rasmussen.

While Denmark's dazzling play has made them the talk of the finals, Spain have advanced in less spectacular style. But there is no doubt they are formidable opponents with an excellent mix of workers and skilful ball players.

The Spaniards are also handicapped by injury. Their sweeper, Maceda, had to return home soon after the tournament started and key midfielder player, Gordillo, is not likely to be fit to play against Denmark after a bad leg injury.

"The Danes will have to keep a close watch on Buttersen, Spain's gifted forward, and Calder, who scored twice from midfield against Algeria. Calder also made a name for himself in another way when he became the first player of the finals to fail a dope test, though he was not suspended. The drug he took - after a bout of food poisoning - was apparently prescribed by team officials.

The winners of tonight's match will play Belgium, surprise winners over the Soviet Union, in the quarter-finals.

**Probable teams:**  
DENMARK: Hoegh; S Busk, M Olsen, I Nielsen, H Andersen, K Berggreen, J Bertelsen, S Lertz, J Olsen, P Elkjaer, M Laudrup.  
SPAIN: Zubizarreta; T Renones, A Goicoechea, R Gallego, J A Camacho, V Muñoz, F Lopez, Michel, R Caldeira, E Butragueno, J Salinas. Referee: J Kaiser (Netherlands).

## The final gift Laudrup craves

Queretaro (Reuters) - Michael Laudrup, Denmark's exciting young forward, celebrated his 22nd birthday on Sunday but he may have to wait another two weeks for the present he wants most, a World Cup winners medal.

Laudrup is used to memorable birthdays. Four years ago he made his debut for the national team against Norway in Oslo on his 18th birthday, although Denmark spoiled the occasion by losing 2-1.

Two years ago his Danish team-mates helped him enjoy his 20th birthday in France during the European Championship. The next day they won the rampage, beating Yugoslavia 5-0.

"It would be fantastic if we could do that again when we play Spain on Wednesday," Laudrup said. "But the present I would really love most is the World Cup, of course."

He has scored only once in the competition, but that goal, against Uruguay, was one of the most spectacular efforts of the finals. Collecting the ball outside the area, he wriggled past several challenges and the goalkeeper before calmly tapping the ball into the net with his left foot.

His partnership with Preben Elkjaer is one of the most feared in the tournament. Like Elkjaer, Laudrup plays in Italy where he was the League title last season with Juventus. The Turin club won a scramble for his signature when it became known that the youngster was ready to leave Denmark three years ago. Barcelona, Liverpool, Real Madrid, Ajax, Saint-Etienne and Borussia Mönchengladbach were among the other teams in pursuit.

Laudrup listened to the advice of one of the elder statesmen of the Danish team, the former Barcelona player, Allan Simonsen, who told him that he would find Spanish football too rough.

His father, Finn, himself a former international who played for several years in Austria with Vienna SK, suggested that England, with its reliance on the high ball, might not be the right stage for his outstanding skills.

Rabah Saadane, the Algerian manager, has also paid the price for World Cup failure. Saadane, and his two assistants, were dismissed by the Algerian Football Federation because "results were in total contradiction with the efforts made and the means provided". Algeria, outshone by African neighbours Morocco, drew 1-1 with Northern Ireland but lost 1-0 to Brazil and 3-0 to Spain. The federation criticized the team for "laxity of technical training and lack of motivation among certain players".

Altogether the World Cup has claimed five managerial casualties. In addition to Piechniczek and Saadane, Gyorgy Mezey (Hungary), Jose Torres (Portugal) and Ivan Vutsov (Bulgaria) have also resigned.

Despite his immense talent, Laudrup remains a shy person. "I don't like speaking about myself," he said. "I just don't like being in the centre of all this publicity even if I suppose I must get used to it."



Head and shoulders above the rest: Maradona, of Argentina, outwits Uruguay's Gutierrez during the countries' second round match on Monday. Argentina won 1-0. Report, page 38.

## More expulsions in cup of shame

Mexico City (AP) - Referees already have shown the red card more often in Mexico than they did in Spain and the growing number of bookings indicates that the 1986 World Cup is one of the least disciplined on record.

Six players were sent off in the first round alone, one more than from the 1982 World Cup in Spain or the 1974 tournament in West Germany. And through the first four games of the second round, the total number of cautions is only six short of the 99 yellow cards shown in Spain, according to statistics provided by FIFA, the sport's international ruling body.

The men who have been dismissed are Sweeney, of Canada, Wilkins, of England, Gorgis, of Iraq, Bossio and Batista, of Uruguay, and Arnesen, of Denmark.

There were 81 bookings during the 36 first-round

games and the total has risen to 93 since the start of the second round on Sunday. By contrast there were 56 bookings in the 36-match first round in Spain and 64 in all after four second-round matches.

Uruguay, who have been warned by FIFA about their rough play, led the tournament in bookings with nine. Four of those came on Monday against Argentina, including one for Bossio who had just returned from a one-game suspension which he received after being dismissed during the team's 6-1 beating by Denmark.

Iraq and South Korea, who have both been eliminated, led this year's original field of 24 teams in bookings after the first round with eight and seven respectively. Other countries with a high number of bookings are Italy with six and England and Mexico

## Stretchers have magical powers

Mexico City (Reuters) - There was a day when trainers used to rely heavily on the "magic" sponge to revive injured players. This World Cup has seen the arrival of a new and far more effective remedy - the stretcher.

Hugo Sanchez, Mexico's leading forward, was the first player to benefit from his new-found powers during his country's 2-0 defeat of Bulgaria in the second round. Midway through the second half Sanchez was left writhing on the ground clutching his knee, his World Cup ambitions apparently in tatters.

Within seconds, however, an astonishing recovery had taken place. The process of being carried prostrate from the pitch and set down on the touchline seemingly blessed Sanchez with renewed life.

The resulting powers of the stretcher were given a further demonstration during Monday's game between Brazil and Poland. The first thought of Volker Roth, the West German referee, on seeing Edinho rolling around on the pitch grasping his left leg and with pain and agony written all over his face, was to call for the stretcher.

On this occasion, just the sight of two Red Cross men was enough for the Brazilian captain and moments later he was running and competing for the ball.

These and other dramatic recoveries by players may reveal a penchant for histrionics following a hard tackle or foul. On the other hand they may also be a sign of the willingness of the referees, perhaps aware of how little injury time they are allowing during this World Cup, to keep games moving.

## Shielded genius comes of age

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The prize for England if they win today is a confrontation with the most exciting player in the game. For all the criticism that has been heaped on Maradona, his talent is of a dimension which has been equaled by fewer than a dozen players in history. He is, as he was against Uruguay on Monday afternoon, truly exceptional.

There is no player in the England team, nor probably for that matter in any team, capable of subduing him head-to-head. He overwhelmed Barrios, the Uruguayan captain, who is himself no average defensive midfielder player. Maradona has not the range of gifts, in the tactical sense, possessed by former great forwards such as Di Stefano, Pelé and Cruyff, but with the ball at his feet there is more certainty that he will go past a single defender, perhaps two and sometimes three, than at any time since Pelé dominated the 1970 Mexico World Cup.

What assisted Maradona's display, in a second round match which Argentina might have won by six goals instead of one, was the efficiency of the Italian referee, Agnolino. If football is conducted within the laws as they are written, then Maradona is at times almost unplayable.

## English dismissive of Pelé

It is a tendency in football, as in other sports, to criticize the great disproportionately when they fail. In football this is often particularly unfair because even the most brilliant player is subject in part to the performance of his colleagues.

There were hundreds of critics, and thousands of spectators, who in England in 1966 were dismissive of Pelé when Brazil failed. He could not take the tackling, they said (when it had been criminal). He had not the right temperament, they said. He was overrated. The real star, they said, was Eusebio.

In 1978, Cesar Menotti shrewdly decided to exclude from his winning team the 18-year-old who was going to become a genius. Because he thought he was not ready. A year later I first saw Maradona in a charity replay against The Netherlands, and in that game he destroyed one of the most tenacious, combative players of that era, Johan Neeskens. For 90 minutes Neeskens was never more than two strides away from Maradona, yet could hardly lay a finger on him. It was a magical revelation.

So unstoppable was Maradona's explosive talents, that within months of his international exposure he was the most wanted and the most marked man in the game. He had the potential to make fortunes not only for himself but for any club. There were those who intended to stop him.

## Almost literal slaughter

They did. With Barcelona, Maradona was habitually slaughtered, metaphorically and occasionally almost literally by opponents such as Goicoechea, without the slightest protection from Spanish referees.

The inevitable happened with someone of Latin emotion. Maradona became a diver, an actor of exaggerated gestures, in a vain effort to protect his precious skills. The effect was for the referees to become even less sympathetic. Maradona needed teaching a lesson, the attitude became and was picked up by some commentators.

Maradona himself became moody and aggressive, but this was not the boy I had first seen. In the 1982 World Cup he suffered the ultimate degradation. Buffeted unmercifully by such as Gentile, by no less than three Belgian markers, his nerve finally broke. He committed an unforgivable foul against Brazil, and was sent off.

While the laws - which would have helped him - were ignored, it was said he needed to grow up. Well, he has. Four years later, now Argentina's captain, and in spite of a knee reacting to 5,000 scything tackles, he is indeed more mature. Chopped repeatedly by the Koreans and Bulgarians, he suddenly found himself with a referee prepared to defend him.

The result was the departure of Uruguay, carved apart by his astonishing acceleration, that surging sidestep.

"I would like to play against England," Maradona said afterwards. "They play more open football." I fear for them, for indeed they do.

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## A veteran's Moroccan milestone

A late appearance against Brazil put the veteran defender, Wladyslaw Zmuda, in the record books. Zmuda, 40, equalled West German Uwe Seeler's record of 21 World Cup appearances when he came on as substitute near the end of his team's 4-0 defeat, and won his 92nd cap.

Nearing defeat, the Polish manager, Antoni Piechniczek, allowed him to achieve the milestone.

He joins eight others who have played in four finals - Djaldine Santos and Pele (Brazil), Seeler and Karl Heinz Schnellinger (West Germany), Hernandez (Mexico), Ivan Kolev (Bulgaria), Pedro Virgilio Rocha (Uruguay) and Gianni Rivera (Italy).

## Moroccan finals bid

Morocco, the first African country to reach the second round of the World Cup finals, now wants to stage the event. A delighted King Hassan has told sports officials to put Morocco forward as an official candidate.

Youth and Sports minister, Abdellatif Semlali, will approach FIFA for the official requirements. A formal application would follow, probably for the 2002 World Cup.

If successful, the World Cup would move from its European and Latin American venues for the first time.

Morocco organized the Mediterranean games in 1983 and Pan-Arab games last year, so it is well-equipped sporting facilities and large stadiums.

## Hadlee's benefit

The New Zealand cricket manager, Robert Vance, yesterday confirmed that Richard Hadlee, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, would be free to play for his county and attend to his benefit between Test matches on the tour which starts this weekend. Hadlee will be joining the party a couple of days before each of the three Tests.

Vance said: "We wanted him to maximize his benefit. Rather than have him with us but not playing, we agreed that he can go off and do his own thing and reunite with the squad in the Test build-up."

The New Zealand party includes two young fast bowlers, Brian Barrett and Willie Watson, who are making their first senior tour.

The party: J V Cooney, J G Wright, B J Barrett, T E Bin, J G Beccwell, E J Charnfield, J F Crowe, M D Crowe, B A Edgar, T J Franklin, E J Gray, R J Hadlee, K R Rutherford, H D S Smith, D A Stirling, W Watson.

## Double target

Donnie McKenzie's aggressive, non-stop approach has enabled him to force his way into the British squad for the world fencing championships in Sofia, Bulgaria, from July 15 to August 3. He will provide tough opposition to England's leading international swordsmen, Pierre Harper and Billie Gosbee, in the Commonwealth Games at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff from July 15 to 21.

## Switch doctor

Phillipa Roberts, from Manchester, who recently qualified as a doctor, is giving up her job to concentrate on next year's world water skiing championships at Thorpe Park. Miss Roberts, aged 26, who is the British overall and European jumps champion, finished fourth overall in last year's world championships in France.

## Keen shot

Eranna Keen, aged 17, of Twickenham Rifle Club, became Britain's latest world record holder when she won the European junior prone rifle championship in Budapest with 596 points out of a possible 600.

## Webb manager

David Webb, the chief executive of Torquay United and the former Chelsea footballer, has been appointed manager of Southend United.

## New captain

The prop, Malcolm Preedy, is taking over as captain of Gloucester, the national Rugby Union merit table champions, from the former England and RAF lock, John Orwin. Preedy, who has won one England cap, was the unanimous choice of the players.

